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AMATEUR VAUDEVILLE OF THE TOGETHER CLUB FILLED ARLINGTON TOWN HALL WITH PLEASED SPECTATORS.

Some time ago the members of the Together club decided to give a two-nights' entertainment of amateur vaudeville in the town hall, for the benefit of "sweet charity," and some of the best local talent in town was soon enrolled to assist. The much anticipated event took place on Thursday and Friday evenings. For weeks previous to the entertainment every seat in the hall had been sold, and while the financial success was an assured fact, it remained for the management to uphold the newspapers which had heralded it as the leading event of like nature this season.

Soon after the curtains were drawn it was evident that they had made no mistake, for while the audience comprised many who were friends of the entertainers, yet there were many others present who had no interest in them, and the applause evoked was clearly evident that the show was a success.

The first feature of the program was the "Stein Song," by Mr. Eugene Pierce of Belmont, assisted by the Arlington High School Glee club, composed of Messrs. Dunbar, Allen, Veits, Partridge, Grover, Holt, Reed, Petersen, Dwell, Bodenstein, Gott, Hendricks, Ewart, Cushman and Miller, accompanied by Miss Mabel Perry on the piano.

Living pictures were shown twice, Wm. Bott and Robert Clifford as pages in Colonial costume, operating the curtains. The first one, "What are the Wild Waves Saying?" was illustrated by Marion Bullard and Jack Hutchinson, "Coming Thro' the Rye," David Elwell and Miss Madeline Porter, "The Girl I Left Behind Me," Miss Blanche Spurr and Allen Taft, "When I was a Bachelor," Elliott Powle, Miss Helen Taft, "In Winter I Go to Bed by Candlelight," Adelaide Stickney, "Fair Harvard," William Partridge.

The Minuet was danced by the following young people in Colonial costume: Misses Beatrice Brackett, Marjorie Sutcliffe, Rachel Norton, Helen Hornblower, James Fitzpatrick, Robert Clifford, Arthur Bickley and William Bott, under the direction of Miss Alice W. Homer.

Mrs. E. D. Hooker read three selections which were greatly appreciated.

Misses Mabel Kimball and Grace Dwell as the "Twin Soubrettes," in their song and dance specialty, won much applause, being heartily encored.

Miss Florence Stowe, of Belmont, was unable to sing Thursday evening, but Friday evening the audience was delighted with her solos, "Awake, Dear Heart," "An Idle Poet," and "Morgen Hymn."

The Spanish dance, by Miss Beatrice Spurr, was a pretty feature given with much life and spirit.

The song and dance, "The Bee and the Butterfly," was given by Mr. Gaskell and Miss Florence Spaulding, assisted by a chorus of young ladies in Japanese costumes. Misses Marion Foster, Marion Churchill, Theresa Norton, Alice Reed, Theresa Hardy, Helen Taft, Helen Bridgman, Fredricka Churchill, Lilian Peck, Mabel Kimball, Ethel Cousens, Louise Marston, Ruth Hornblower, Madeline Porter, Emma Turner, Myra Barker and Josephine Brooks.

The entertainment concluded with the presentation of the laughable farce, "Per Telephone." In the cast were Harold Yeames, John G. Brackett, Helen Damon, Blanche Spurr, and Theresa Norton. All seemed adapted to their parts and proved clever amateur performers.

The music was furnished by the following members of the Verdi orchestra: Messrs. Russell, Foster, Wood and Tinkham; and Friday evening an informal dance rounded out a most pleasurable evening. Miss Carrie Hilliard presiding at the piano. Packages of candy were sold during the intermissions both evenings, and a large sum realized for the cause.

The ladies having the affair in charge, were Mrs. Benj. A. Norton, chairman, assisted by Mrs. S. F. Hicks, Mrs. H. C. Fessenden and Mrs. Waterman A. Taft. Much credit is due them for their untiring efforts and success of the affair, which furnished two evenings of the most delightful enjoyment, and contributed substantially to the fund for the deserving lend-a-hand objects.

ARLINGTON.

Mrs. Henry Swan, who has been ill all winter, is reported much better.

E. O. Grover of Maple street, has been ill with the gripe.

Mrs. Waterman A. Taft left town on Monday for an extended visit to Washington.

Miss Josephine Brooks of New Jersey is the guest of the Misses Peck and Helen Taft, of Pleasant street.

Rev. Dr. Watson is to deliver the commencement address at Shaw university, Raleigh, N. C., April 8.

Margaret McCarthy, wife of the late Dennis McCarthy, died at her home on Warren street, last Thursday. The funeral was held Saturday last at eight o'clock, and high mass at St. Agne's church at nine o'clock.

Friday evening the Veteran Firemen's association held their monthly business meeting in Veteran hall. Arrangements are being made for the nineteenth of April celebration. At this meeting candidates were nominated for the annual election which takes place next month.

There is an exhibition of Egyptian photographs being held at the Robbins library, which will last until March 22. The exhibition is well worth the attention and interest of the public, being loaned by the Library Art club.

The college fair at the Universalist church closed last Thursday evening after a successful run of three days. Most all the articles were disposed of and the affair closed with "Living Pictures from College Life." The committee having the affair in charge were chairman, O. B. Marston; secretary and treasurer, L. K. Russell; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bott Mrs. Wm. A. Brooks, Miss Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Coolidge, Miss Grace Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Fister, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Holt, Mrs. Annie Hall, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hartler, Mrs. A. H. Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meade, Miss Abbie Russell, Mrs. Geo. W. Storer, Miss Augusta Sunergren, Amy Winn, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Twisden, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Winn.

At the meeting of the Woman's club last Thursday afternoon, Rabbi Charles Fleischer made an address on "Facts and Fictions about the Jews." The choral class sang three selections, after which business was transacted, it being to get the members to sign a petition to send to the legislature against giving Spanish soldiers the preference in government positions. It was voted to sign this paper. Rabbi Fleischer gave many interesting facts about the Jews and told many things concerning them, giving to those present a clearer idea of what the Jews are and stand for, preaching a sermon of brotherly love towards them. At the close he held a reception, when a large part of the audience availed themselves of the opportunity of meeting and talking with him. Two Arlington ministers were present. Next week Mr. F. Schuyler Mathews will make an address on "Music of Our Wild Birds."

STATE HOUSE DOINGS.

The Alewife Brook bill came up for a hearing before the Committee on Drainage at the State House, Friday, but at the request of City Solicitor Peavey of Cambridge, was postponed.

The Arlington Boulevard bill will probably come up for a hearing Friday, March 20, before the Committee of Metropolitan Affairs, at room 436, State House, at 10.30 o'clock.

Representative Stone recently spoke before the Committee on Agriculture for the Arlington citizens for the state appropriation for extermination of gypsy moths.

HORACE B. JOHNSON.

Horace B. Johnson died at his late residence on Winter street, Arlington, Friday night, after an illness of about seven months brought on by overwork and heart troubles. In the death of Mr. Johnson the town loses a thorough and tireless business man, and one who will be missed in business circles.

He was born in 1853 at the corner of Broadway and Winter street. He attended and received his early education at the Crosby school on Winter street. In 1876 he married Mary Brightman of New Bedford, and in 1880 entered the employ of W. W. Rawson, and continued in the employ of different market gardeners until 1889, when he started in business. In his business career he built most of the large greenhouses in Arlington and vicinity as well as some in Maine and New York. He engaged in house heating extensively with his son, his last large contract being the new Arlington Baptist church. He was also associated in partnership with R. W. Le Baron in the installation of compressed air fire alarm whistles, they having installed the alarm whistles of the city of Lewiston, Maine, Greenfield, Mass., and the Arlington whistle, and at the present time have the contract for installing a system of fire alarm in the city of Augusta, Maine.

Throughout his life Mr. Johnson had been remarkably free from illness, but during his last long illness he has been a great sufferer. He leaves a widow, two sons and three daughters. The funeral took place from his late residence Monday afternoon. Rev. S. C. Bushnell officiating. The interment was at Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING.

But a small part of the gist of public business was ground out at the adjourned town meeting on Monday evening. The committee appointed, consisting of the Selectmen and members of the Committee of Five to investigate and plan for the necessary alterations to accommodate the increased number of town officers, made necessary by the town vote that the offices of town clerk, treasurer and collector be held by different persons, rendered their report and an appropriation of \$2400 was voted, to make the same. The town treasurer was authorized to borrow \$125,000 for town expenses in anticipation of taxes. The other articles of the town warrant were carried over for action at the adjourned town meeting, which will be held Monday, March 30, to give the Committee of Twenty-one time to make their reports.

AN ERROR, BUT NOT OURS.

Several times this week we have been reproved for an alleged error in our last issue in the published report of the vote for constables at the recent election, and in one instance our accuser criticized the Enterprise for intentionally doing Chief Harriman an injustice. Such, however, is not the case. Our report was correct as announced by the moderator after the votes were counted and as is now on record in the town clerk's office. As a matter of fact our accusers must have gained their information of the vote from a contemporary in which the types got transposed and gave A. S. Harriman credit for having 822 votes for constable and D. M. Hooley 765, just vice versa from the actual vote as reported in the Enterprise. As another matter of fact, Mr. Hooley's vote was most complimentary and attested his popularity, as but five men on the entire town ballot received a higher vote. This is our apology. Now it is up to our accusers to apologize to us.

ARLINGTON

A small fire in the tenement of Mrs. Robinson in Daley's Block, 67 Beacon street Tuesday evening, caused a slight damage of about \$25. Alarm was rung in from box 24 to which the department responded and made short work of the blaze.

Several important events last week were unrecorded in these columns, by a news letter going astray, and when its absence was detected it was too late to make new copy. Our apology is due to the Building Fund Association and others for this freak of Uncle Sam's mail delivery.

The Arlington Firemen's Relief Association are making arrangements for their Easter Monday ball, to take place April 13. Wiggins' orchestra will furnish the music. This will be the last ball by the relief association for two years, as by their agreement with the police relief association, these affairs are to alternate and next year's Easter Monday ball will be by the "dandy coppers."

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Miss Maud Knowland has been ill with the gripe.

After a prolonged illness at his home in Somerville, Rev. J. E. Lacount has again resumed his duties at the Methodist church.

Miss Mazie Simpson and her father will soon occupy their home on Claremont avenue, after spending the winter in Boston.

W. F. Hadley of Westminster avenue, who has been ill for some time is once more able to be out.

The new house corner of Tanager street and Wollaston avenue, being built by Ernest Snow, is nearly completed.

The Veteran Fireman fife and drum corps were out for practice last week, being drilled by Dennis Reardon.

Rev. F. A. Bisbee has closed his house on Appleton street, and with his wife and two children will travel for two months, first going South.

Notwithstanding the many non-resident piano tuners who have order boxes at various places and cater to Arlington patronage, James H. Ford, the local tuner, reports plenty of work in his line. Mr. Ford does the tuning of the Town hall piano and gives good satisfaction.

Although the entertainments of the recent lecture course given by the Methodist Society were not largely attended, it is gratifying to know that over one hundred dollars was realized. It is regretted more did not avail themselves of the opportunity to attend these entertainments, as fine talent was secured for each, and each proved an enjoyable affair.

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AMONG THE STARS.

THE CONSTELLATION LEO.

As the Orion group and the other surrounding constellations pass over the meridian to the east, new starry attractions arise in the eastern skies and claim the attention of star gazers. Following them from the east upward under the heavens, we have a good opportunity for making a close inspection, and marking the outline and characteristics of each individual constellation. For only in this way can we become acquainted with them and know them for sure.

It is far more easy to study the surface of the sky than the surface of the earth, for while you cannot see but a very small area of the earth at any one time, you can see almost half of the whole area of the heavens every night the sky is clear. Skyography has a great advantage over geography in this respect. "If anyone could invent some sort of contrivance by which children could see every day the exact shape and connection of every sea, continent, and country, etc., just as nature has them, studying geography would be a very easy, and most agreeable exercise. We have the advantage in studying the skies.

There are about ninety constellations in all: Many of them are very large and conspicuous, with outlines very easy to recognize and remember, so that when they are once known, they are known for ever. You could as easily forget the old homestead, or the old grist mill. At first sight, these constellations appear to be thrown together in a very confused manner without regard to order or system. This is the view of thousands that see them every night, but never see anything in particular—just stars, that's all. Begin to observe a few things in the way; the exercise helps us to grow, and one thing leads to another, until we find ourselves on familiar terms with a large part of the heavens.

Many of the constellations (one of which I shall presently point out more particularly) have their stars in such relation as to resemble some well known object, the dipper for instance. And, although there are some scattering stars that seem to disfigure the object a good deal, imagination comes to our aid and supplies the defect. The Great Bear (the dipper being only a part), is very difficult to see without the use of imagination; but by its aid, we can make out the whole animal, with his head and shoulders, feet and legs, and everything complete. I am not supposing we can determine the exact outline of every constellation, or even of any, so as to rope in every star that should be included. The professional astronomer only can do this. Plain people are not interested in such niceties. When a man sees Niagara Falls, he sees them, and that fact satisfies him; he is not so much concerned about the exact measurement of the Falls and the number of gallons of water that may flow over it each successive year. It is the same with the constellations: We can only hope to know a little, but that little affords considerable pleasure and satisfaction to the one who enjoys it, and is a sure guarantee of more. But it is well to know what we know.

There are but fourteen or fifteen stars of the first magnitude in sight in these parts, and between fifty and sixty of the second magnitude. It is surely not a very difficult task to be able to identify all these. In the zodiacal constellations there are five big stars, and about a dozen stars of the second grade, a rather small proportion of the latter.

In the dipper, or Ursa Major, there are six stars of the second magnitude, a larger number than any other group contains. The Orion group has four, the great Square has three, Leo has three, and the Crow, a very small constellation, also has three. There are some quite distinguished constellations that cannot show but one, and some not any, of the second magnitude. The Northern Cross has but one, the Northern Crown has but one, and the Great Dragon, situated between the two Dippers, has only one.

Now, how can any unprofessional person know these different stars? He may know pretty correctly the first, second, and third grade stars, and he can only see as far as the fifth magnitude, the sixth being too small to see with the unaided eye, although there are some who claim to be able to see as far as the sixth magnitude. After watching the stars a little, habitually, you may come to a pretty correct idea of the different grades of stars in a given group without any artificial help whatever.

In the Dipper there is one star as small as the third order; the star where the handle joins the bowl—note this star. On a very clear night it will be noticed that after sunset in about fifteen or twenty minutes, the stars of the first magnitude begin to show themselves; generally speaking, they are very few, and may be counted on the tips of your fingers. In ten or fifteen minutes later, the second grade will be seen and a little later still the third, and so on. Also when the moon is full and clear, you will only see the first, second, and possibly the third magnitude stars. Moonlight nights are very helpful in star study because the great crowd don't come out.

Before I conclude I want to direct attention to one particular constellation that can be well seen in the eastern skies on clear nights as soon as it is dark enough for the stars to show themselves. It is Leo or the Lion. Leo is a fine constellation, and presents a striking appearance on the canvas of the sky. When once seen it cannot easily be forgotten. The principal part of Leo is in the shape of a hook or sickle; it is always spoken of as the sickle, and answers to the head and neck of the animal. Unlike some of the animals of the sky he comes up head foremost and is looking towards the west as the curved head and neck plainly show; in other words, the open part of the sickle is toward the west, although it seems to change more northward as it approaches the setting point.

The Sickle will be found to consist of about half a dozen stars of different degrees of brightness. The one forming the handle is a star of the first magnitude whose name is Regulus, and it is this star—this illuminated handle that will make the sickle to be appreciated. This star too is said to be right over the lion's head.

The Lion is large and has several more bright stars of lesser power; one in his neck which helps to make the sickle, one on his hips, and one, a very bright one called Denebola, on his majesty's tail. North of the lion proper, and right under the hind feet of

the bear, is the little lion. It has but very small stars to distinguish it, and is of little account, filling but a small space.

The following are the groups that surround Leo. On the north is the dipper or the great bear, on the east is Virgo, on the west is Cancer with its very small stars, and on the south is the great constellation Hydra.

J. West.

March 7, 1903.

LEND-A-HAND REPORT.

Miss Mary W. Ferguson, the genial and conscientious secretary of the Lend-a-Hand, has just finished her annual report of the work of the society for the year 1902.

The document makes very interesting reading, and the concise manner in which it is written, giving details, ample description, reflects credit upon the young lady's ability, to present matter in compact form. The report begins with the following beautiful motto:

"Look up and not down,
Look forward, not back,
Look out and not in;
Lend-a-hand."

Miss Ferguson asks her readers to look back in order to look forward, in order to gain renewed courage. The past year had its discouragements but the results, financially at least, passed beyond the fondest hopes.

The report states that the total receipts were \$1537.16, and the expenditures were \$934.43, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$553.73.

Among the most important receipts were from the May Festival, \$518.00, December sale, \$447.16, membership fees, \$27.00, balance from last year, \$232.00, all going to make the grand total, as stated above.

The principal items of expense were a library sent to Utica, N. Y., March 28, and a little later another to a colored school at Montgomery, Ala.; \$100 sent in June to help the Floating hospital, \$50 to the Baldwin Country Week fund, \$25 to the Franklin Square House fund, \$25 to the Hale Endowment fund, with a promise of \$5 each year; \$20 to Miss Whiting's Outing Farm, \$25 to Dr. Perrin's Day Nursery, \$10 to a colored student at Tufts college. It was deemed best to aid the Winning Home by building a new piazza and \$100 was given for that purpose.

In addition to above excellent charities, many needy people have been aided in the town by the gifts of groceries and provisions, also wood for fuel. The wood was purchased and stored in the church sheds, and one of the needy men given employment sawing it.

At Christmas time many souls were made happy.

Miss Ferguson particularly speaks of Mrs. Turner, who gave the use of her home on three occasions to the Ladies' Sewing circle, when much clothing was made for distribution. Nurses had been provided in a good many cases, for which the Lend-a-Hand had received many words of thanks.

The report commends the work of the finance committee, and also the flower committee, who kept the church bright with flowers all the year. It closes by urging the members to join forces and look forward, to hold out a helping hand to the discouraged and distressed, and thus let the good work go on.

Literary Notes

The March Atlantic contains a memorable paper upon the writing of history, by Capt. A. T. Mahan. This paper which was recently delivered as the President's Inaugural Address before the American Historical Association, is an authoritative and illuminating discussion of the larger principles of historical composition by one of our most eminent practitioners of that art. Capt. Mahan's conception of the "plan of Providence, which in its large fulfillment we call history," is here expounded with admirable lucidity and suggestiveness. The paper will be helpful to all readers who wish to read history intelligently, in giving them a clearer notion of the ideal by which the true historian is guided.

MCCURE'S MAGAZINE.

"The Shamelessness of St. Louis," by Lincoln Steffens, is an article that cannot be dodged. "The War on the Locomotive," by Samuel Maffett, is a surprising revelation of what the trolley people are up to, in the new inter-urban development of electric travel. Miss Tarbell's fifth chapter of Standard Oil History treats of "The Price of Trust Building," and must not be missed. "Whitman—Tamer of Men," is the name of the character sketch of a remarkable man, by Frank H. Spearman. A number of short stories complete the March number.

NEW ENGLAND MAGAZINE.

"Water Craft of the World," is the opening article of the New England for March. "Early Explorations of the New England Coast," (the South First Prize Essay for 1902) by Herman Askwith, follows. Arthur Haebler, an artist of credited ability, has an appreciative paper on William Sartain, Painter. The town article this month is about Saybrook, which was an important place in Colonial days. "A Notorious Rascal of the Good Old Times," by G. H. Hubbard, is an account of Stephen Burroughs. Several stories and verses complete a number which is unusually good.

Pretty Dorothy—"Tell me, honestly, professor, what made you propose to me?" Professor—"Dear girl, it suddenly struck me that you would be a handsome addition to any library."

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CHARLOTTE CUSHMAN.

Bitter Ending of the One Love Affair of the Famous Actress.

Charlotte Cushman, the actress, was in love but once in her life. She met in Cincinnati, where she was playing, an actor named Clark, with whom she fell in love. Through her efforts Clark was advanced to leading man in the company, and the course of true love ran smoothly.

One night the actress met a strange woman behind the scenes between the acts.

The woman came up to her and addressed her thus:

"You are Charlotte Cushman, the great actress. Haven't you got enough men to admire you without coming between man and wife and robbing me of my husband?"

"Your husband!" cried Miss Cushman, getting excited.

"Yes, and you have taken or you are trying to take him from me," continued the ragged woman, looking Miss Cushman full in the face.

"Who is your husband?"

"Conrad Clark," replied the woman, "the father of this child," pointing to a half starved, thin little child in her arms.

Miss Cushman started as if she had been shot.

She went through her part that night as usual—acted it splendidly—brought down the house; then, after the performance, she sent for Clark to come to her dressing room. Clark knocked and then opened the door. She brought forward to him his wife and baby, who had been waiting in the dressing room to receive him.

Such a reception! Charlotte Cushman never looked or acted so grandly on the stage in all her life as she did that night in her dressing room. She waved Clark away with a greater majesty than ever as Queen Catherine she waved away Cardinal Wolsey, and then going to her hotel probably she had a good crying spell.

But she never loved again.

HOW DOGS FIND THEIR WAY

Evidence That They Possess Peculiar Power to Guide Them.

In the old days of the James river canal a fine setter was taken by his master on a packet boat which was so crowded that the dog was put in the captain's cabin to be out of the way, says the New York Mail and Express. His owner reached his destination after nightfall and had taken so much wine by that time that he was carried off the boat, and no one remembered his setter.

Next morning the captain took the dog on deck with him, but was much afraid he would jump off to the tow-path and try to return that way, and so handsome an animal would have been in danger of being stolen.

Carlo, however, lay perfectly quiet, but with an air of listening that attracted notice. Toward noon he heard the sound of the horn of a packet coming from the opposite way, and as the boats passed each other he made a leap and was next heard from as having got off at the place where his master had stopped and as having gone at once to the house where he was a guest.

Could human intelligence have surpassed that?

This same dog lay on his master's grave and refused food until he died from starvation. But I do not give this as a case in point.

A gentleman who lived a hundred miles from a city moved there with all his possessions, including a bulldog which had been raised at his father's home, where he had hitherto resided. He was locked up in the car with the furniture and in the bustle of unloading disappeared, and two days afterward he reached his former home, coming by an inland route, as was known by parties who recognized him, so that he evidently marked out his own path without reference to the railroad on which he had been carried away.

The best room in the house is the one in which the children have the most fun.

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AS OTHERS SEE IT.

Ideas Not Essentially Our Own.

The Enterprise is glad to extend to its readers the use of these columns for the free expressions of their ideas. The editor disclaims all responsibility for the articles published under the head. Any person can write on any subject which may be of interest to the people of Arlington and Lexington and the writer alone will be responsible for sentiments expressed.

NOT ALONE.

EDITOR ENTERPRISE:

The writer has been a firm supporter of the "Committee of Five" and still believes in their suggestions on the improvement of our Town affairs, but he believes that they entirely exceeded their authority when they issued a circular in favor of Wm. A. Muller for Treasurer. They were not appointed to create any personal feeling nor to enter into any political or personal affairs, and I am convinced from several talks I have had with heretofore firm supporters of their Committee, that if they insist upon further actions of this nature, their popularity will cease. We do not want it to be a case of overthrowing one "clique," so called, to be obliged to endure another of equal or even worse ideals.

T. P. G.

A COMMUNICATION.

Lexington, March 5th, 1903.

EDITOR ENTERPRISE:

As small majorities weaken law enforcement, so large majorities strengthen it, therefore, the size of the no-license majority registered last Monday is a cause of sincere congratulation for our town, indicating the confidence which the friends of no-license have in the way in which our police department, supported by our town officials, is handling the enforcement of the liquor law. The no-license majority the present year is the largest ever registered by the town, with one exception, namely, in 1901, when the majority was only five more, and the "No" vote was only two more. The total "No" vote this year is 402 against 404 two years ago, the "Yes" vote this year is 312 against 209, the number of blanks this year is 72 against 44, the no-license majority this year is 190 against 195. Such a result at this time is particularly gratifying, in view of the fact that two years ago two large rallies were held, and a strong interest in the question was aroused and the voters were spurred on by the no-license majority of the preceding year, of only twenty-six. The result seems to clearly indicate a growing sentiment under ordinary conditions in favor of a strong no-license majority, also a greater care on the part of our voters in voting upon the question. Will not those of our citizens who voted "No" who are not already members of the law enforcement association, send in their names to the secretary, Mr. Howard S. O. Nichols, of East Lexington, and thus still further assist the cause of law enforcement by joining in the united effort which is being put forth through the association.

As one very much interested in the work of the association, I wish to thank the Enterprise for the valuable assistance it rendered the cause of no-license by calling the attention of the voters to the importance of the matter, and urging them to vote.

Yours very truly,

EDWIN A. BAYLEY.

We haven't much use for the man who is a bullion the market and a bear in the home.

HEMPLE QUOIN.

I have very little patience with the man, and on most occasions he is an honest man, who continually harps on one man power in politics. If there is one man power in politics, then the people are themselves to blame for the condition of affairs. Some men are born organizers, it seems as if they were made to lead. It makes no difference whether it be in the field of letters, the world of finance, the conduct of war, or the direction of government, there is always to be found a man, who by the very force of his individuality, the strength of his character, and his capacity for solving great problems, will not only assume the directions of affairs, but in many cases the people will clamor for them to lead. It may be ambition, or it may be aggressiveness, but what ever the force behind it, which urges on and accomplishes the result, the organizer, the leader should get his fair share of credit, because being in a position of responsibility, his slightest mistake is criticized, and only so long as he retains the confidence of the army behind him, only for that time is worthy of our praise, and should he fall, our condemnation is fast and furious. It is only when a man enters the field of politics, when he sees things in a different light from others, and realizing the responsibilities of citizenship, he rises to the occasion, and in tones of no uncertain sound, with a confidence that appeals to the people, he presents his ideas to the public. Then if he is successful and his views are adopted by the public, then it is that others of us who hold opposite opinions, begin to realize that the leader is a politician, and we condemn him when perhaps our own indifference, or more likely our want of confidence in ourselves, and our inability to lead, is the real cause of the one man in the public eye, being looked upon as the man of power, and at the same time we forget the great majority of citizens, American citizens, who in the exercise of the ballot privilege, have made him the creature of their will. So after all this one man power in this country, is only the result of having responsibility thrust upon him, or that he assumes his natural place in the march of progress. Here he can never become a dictator, so long as a man has the right to change his mind, and cast a ballot.

When in North Lexington, I generally take a look into the furniture shop of W. H. Burrill, and I am generally well repaid for the time lost. I seldom fail to find something unique in the way of antique furniture, or bric-a-brac that has a history. This week I saw a large sideboard of very old make, with the carved work all done by hand. It is made of San Domingo mahogany, and Mr. Burrill was after giving it what is called dead finish. It was fully eight feet long, and although very old, looked as if it had just left the hands of the cabinet maker. Mr. Burrill tells me that he will build an addition to his store this spring.

In attending to my work during the week I visit all the nearby towns, I am inclined perhaps too sharply to notice their peculiarities. Early last week a friend asked me if I had noticed any green grass in my travels, and I had to confess that I had not, but Saturday as I rode in the cars from Waltham to Lexington at a point near the junction of Waltham street and the State Road, my eyes were gladdened by the sight of a square patch of the brightest green. It stood upon the top of a small hill, and the contrast with the surrounding country was so marked, that I could not help noticing the sign of gentle Spring.

HEMPLE QUOIN.

A STRANGE LEGEND.

Origin of a Curious Custom Observed by Bulgarian Masons.

Nine master masons who were engaged in building a citadel in the time of the Volvold Neagoe found on returning to their work each morning that the portion of the wall which they had completed the day before had fallen to pieces during the night and was lying in a heap of ruins in the ditch. Manol of Curtea, the head mason, informed his comrades one morning that a voice from heaven had warned him in his sleep the night before that their labors would continue to come to naught unless they all swore on that very morning to immure in the structure the first woman, be it wife, mother, daughter or sister, who should arrive with the morning meal of one or either of them. They all took the oath, and the last man had hardly been sworn when Manol's own wife appeared, carrying her husband's breakfast. The oath was kept, and the woman, known in the legend as "Flora of the Fields," was murdered and her blood and flesh incorporated with the wall of masonry.

A curious practice of the Bulgarian masons (the above scene is laid in Bulgaria), which survives to this day, testifies to the vitality of the legend. To insure the solidity of the houses they build they measure with a reed the shadow of the first person who passes after the digging of the foundation has been completed. When the foundation is commenced, this reed is buried under the first rock, usually the cornerstone.

Old Maids and Climate.

The unenlightened frequently make the mistake of thinking that lack of opportunity is responsible for the existence of single women, but I lay most of it to climate. The New England climate is not conducive to matrimony or even lovemaking. And even after the crucial moment has passed and the single woman has drifted from girlhood to spinsterhood, a cold climate, raw winds, chill rains and snow tend to increase the loneliness of it. There may be old maids in the south, but I never heard of them being called by that name. I have known some single women, schoolteachers, anywhere from seventeen to fifty, and some of their grown boy pupils were eternally and perennially in love with them. A single woman who has made up her mind not to marry has a hard time to keep her resolution in the south, for she is always assailed to break it. The very climate breathes love. Ah, there it is! As I said, old maids are surely a matter of climate.—Harper's Bazar.

The Polar Bear.

The animal par excellence which the hunter, the amateur arctic traveler and the young explorer hopes and dreams of killing is the polar bear. The reason for this is the magnificent trophy which the great white skin makes. This feeling was no less strong centuries ago than it is now, for we read that one of the early Icelandic sea rovers to Greenland quarreled with and killed his bosom companion because he had slain a large bear instead of leaving that honor to his chief. With the modern repeating rifle the bear stands no chance against the hunter, no matter under what conditions they may meet, and if he is hunted in the native way, with the assistance of dogs, there is hardly more excitement than in killing musk oxen, except for the wild, helter skelter dash over the ice to overtake the animal after the dogs strike the hot scent.—Leslie's Monthly.

London's Highest Level.

The highest part of the city of London is the middle of Pannier alley, running between Newgate street and Paternoster row. Ben Jonson tells us that in his day this was a stand for tripe sellers and earlier still for bakers. The exact spot is indicated on the east wall by a stone monument consisting of a boy sitting upon a pannier, or baker's basket, holding in his hand a bunch of grapes. On the pedestal is the following inscription:

When ye have sought the city round,
Yet still this is the highest ground.
Aug. 27, 1688.

Were we to include Greater London then Hempstead Heath would be the spot, for it is 424 feet above sea level, or 84 feet above the cross of St. Paul.—London Standard.

Taking Care of the Heart.

A physician writes: "Life would be prolonged by a little more attention to the heart, by paying a little respect to the most faithful servant we ever have. Much good might be done also if parents would teach their children the danger of overtaxing the heart. They should teach them to stop and rest a few moments during their play when they begin to feel the violent throbbing of their hearts against the chest wall."

The Whiceness of the Throb.

Susie Jackson (ecstatically)—Oh, mudder, I'ze shuah Absalom lubs me, 'cause when he presses me toe his bosom I kin feel his heart 'trobbin' violently! Mrs. Jackson—Humph! Am yo' shuah it ain't his dollar watch yo' feel 'trobbin'? I got fooled dat way mahsalf on youah fadder.—Leslie's Weekly.

The Reluctant Request.

Edgar—Ethel, I've left my umbrella downtown. Ethel—Well? Edgar—I'm afraid you'll have to lend me the gold handled umbrella you gave me on my birthday.—Detroit Free Press.

A Notable Occasion.

"Quite a stormy time at the theater this week," said the jocose manager. "What happened?" "The lightning calculator performed to thunders of applause."—Washington Star.

ROBBINS LIBRARY.

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Beavan, A. H.	Imperial London.	51.14
Bell, Nancy M. [N. d'Anvers.]	Representative painters of the 19th century.	1051.916
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Corson, Juliet.	Family living on \$500 a year.	640.22
Dilke, Emilia F. S., lady.	French architects and sculptors of the 18th century.	1051.917
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Herrick, F. H.	Home life of wild birds.	598.53
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Mowbray, Jay P.	Tangled up in Beulah land. Sequel to a journey to nature.	6924.2
Murray, Wm. H. H.	How John Norton the trapper kept his Christmas.	6982.3
Norway, A. H.	Naples, past and present. 2 v.	73.41
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Pence, W. D. and Ketchum, M. S.	Manual of field and office methods for the use of students in surveying.	526.3
Roses, M., ed.	Dutch painters of the 19th century. 2 v.	1051.918
St. John, T. M.	*Things a boy should know about electricity.	537.25
Schoener, R. Rome.	Ed. by Mrs. Arthur Bell.	74.10
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Feb. 28, 1903.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

The scenic part of "Alphonse and Gaston," which returns to the Grand Opera House next week is rarely equalled, never surpassed for genuine fun by any comic opera or musical production. It comprises three splendid stage pictures—"The Railroad Station," "The Home of the Tiger," and "The Grand Canal in Venice." No expense has been spared to get up these scenes in a manner worthy of Mr. Gus Hill, who prides himself on perfection of production. The music and specialties have been carefully chosen to secure an all around, satisfying presentation of a new theme.

The performance is said to be improved one hundred per cent. since seen here before. There has been a complete new equipment of scenery and costumes since the last visit. There will be matinees as usual, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

LEXINGTON

For first time since winter came upon us, the morning service of the Unitarian church, was held in the main body instead of in the vestry.

Mrs. Fobes of Chandler street, entertained the sewing circle of the Congregational church, at her home last Thursday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Blodgett of the Episcopal church, lectured last Saturday evening in the church, on "Forgiveness and Rescue." The audience was very large and the lecture was much appreciated by them.

The members of the Lexington Golf Club, took advantage of the fine weather Saturday, and in the afternoon quite a number went over the course. The links were in very good condition, and were entirely free from any sign of snow.

Miss Cleora Russell of Forrest street, entertained the Unity Lend-a-Hand at her home last Friday, when the young ladies present talked over the annual concert, which is given each Spring. Much enthusiasm was displayed, and the next entertainment promises to be one of the best ever held by the Lend-a-Hand.

SILLY

By M. L. Avery

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Her name was Priscilla, but through abbreviation and corruption it became "Silla" and finally degenerated into "Silly." "So easy do even names go to the dogs, you know," she explained to Dick.

There were some people in the village who did not hesitate to say that Silly herself would "go to the dogs" some day, she had such "shiftless ways." She preferred to wear plain clothes rather than spend time indoors on needlework. She could not be counted on for the sewing circle nor dragged to the debating society. Moreover, she was not as fond of going to church and Sunday school as she might have been.

"It fits me, Dick!" she cried, her face, pink and white as their petals, framed in a bough of apple blossoms. Her eyes were as blue as forget-me-nots, and her hair was like the golden tassels of the corn. "The name fits. I haven't any sense, you know."

"That's one of your attractions," drawled Dick. "When a woman hasn't any sense, it's really a drawing card in these days. She's a novelty, you know. Women are so awfully wise and clever that they put a fellow to the blush."

They were sitting on the green grass within a fragrant bower of pearl and rose. Something like dewdrops gathered in the girl's forget-me-not eyes.

"What's the matter, sweetheart?"

"Dick, it's the name and the fitness of the name. It seems so absurd to care about it. But I do. When I was little, it seems to me they might have cared enough about me to let me keep the sweet name my mother gave me. I suppose they thought it was a waste of time on me to say 'Priscilla.' If I had been their own child, they'd never have called me Silly. And to think it'll stick to me all my life!"

"If it were your last name, now," said Dick, "I could change it for you."

"Don't be silly!"

"You're that when you laugh at my lovemaking. It's poor, but honest."

"Dick, do you think, like all the rest, that sensible talk is wasted on me? Do you, Dick? Oh, what would I not give to be a wise, clever woman with a dignified name! Nobody in the world will ever take me seriously as long as I am called Silly!"

"I'll take you seriously if you'll let me; take you and never let you go."

"Dick, would you be willing—you, a varsity man—to have a wife called Silly? You wouldn't! I can see it in your eyes. Oh, to do something very wise and learned! I'd die happy!"

"For heaven's sake," cried Dick in alarm, "don't do anything wise and learned!"

"She never has a serious thought, that girl," her aunt remarked. "If her name don't fit her to a T!"

She was coming up the walk, her arms full of apple blossoms, her hat dangling at her side, singing one of the ragtime tunes with which she scandalized the town.

"She do seem to be light headed," observed her uncle, Samuel Morris. "But, then, she's a good hearted thing."

She could not remember her parents. They had died when she was so little. She seemed to be a sort of accident in her uncle and aunt's family, a rather burdensome and unpleasant one, which by God's grace they must put up with. They lived in an old, old house on the outskirts of a quaint, rambling old village. It was set about with orchards where many birds loved to nest. Silly, when she might have been embroidering herself a petticoat, making a crazy quilt or doing some other sensible thing, preferred to stay out in the orchards with the birds.

Mr. Samuel Morris dreamed that a burglar was pressing a pillow down over his face. He tried to cry out, but could not. He heard a great banging at the door and a voice calling:

"Uncle, uncle!"

"Somebody is killing poor Silly," he thought, but he could not move.

Then some one was pulling him out of bed. There were smoke and a gleam of shooting flames. Something wet was slapped over his face. He was being dragged over the floor and down the steps by one who panted hard. A voice—Silly's—was screaming:

"Help me save uncle! Somebody go back for aunt! I couldn't find her!"

"No use!" voices cried back. "Come out quick! The house is about to fall in!"

"I'll save her or I'll die trying! Take uncle!"

They told him afterward, the few neighbors who had seen the fire after it was well under way and had come to help if they could, that as she went back the steps fell down behind her. She had jerked the wet blanket from around him and thrown it about her self.

How she found her aunt in that smoke filled house, with the roar and singing of the flames in her ears, the flash of fire in her eyes, she never could tell. But find her she did, lying senseless on the floor. She jerked the sheets from a bed, tore them into strips, tied these together and bound one end around her aunt's waist, thinking as she did so:

"Ah, how can I lift her and lower her from the window without killing her!"

But she did it, this wise, strong young Silly, who looked to those below like a goddess of the flames. Younger and

more daring help had come. A ladder reaching past way up was against the uncertain walls. Dick was climbing it. He received her burden as she lowered it and passed it on to those below. Then he held out his arms.

"Come, beloved," he said. "Come quickly!"

She had fastened one end of the rope about her waist, the other about the bedpost. She was looking down. "Come!" Dick called again. She climbed out of the window and began to descend hand over hand. Her senses seemed leaving her. She let go.

When she came to herself, she was lying on a big white bed in the village parsonage. People were talking.

"She had more sense than any of us; never lost her head; knew just what to do."

"And she's brave! Think of going back into that house with the steps falling behind her!"

"Yes." The pastor was speaking slowly and ponderously. "She's our village heroine, is Priscilla."

Through the door the voice of the rich man of the village rang out:

"I am going to name the new library I'm giving this village for her."

"S-sh!" The village doctor was speaking. "We must have quiet now. She's recovering consciousness."

"What is it, Priscilla?"

"Apple blossoms," she murmured foolishly. "My hands are so hot. Dick!"

He was kneeling by her bed. The pretty face and hands were bruised and blackened, and the flames had not altogether spared the beautiful golden hair.

"Dick, it hurts so bad to be clever and brave. They're saying I'm that. And I've got my name. But, oh, Dick, I don't want to be wise. It's so painful. Let the others call me Priscilla," in a whisper. "It sounds dignified, and I like it from them. But you just call me Silly. I'm not wise or brave, Dick. Don't tell anybody. I went back into the fire because I didn't have any better sense."

"You are right, beloved," said Dick.

"Wise people do not run back into the fire to save others. Only the brave, the fools and the angels do that."

The Passing of the Pie.

A word as to the causes of the disfavor with which pie has come to be regarded. Like other things, it kept a place by force of tradition after its special work was done, and, being always a "hearty" dish, when the savory piece of pie was added to the plenty of the prosperous table in the nature of things it proved the one straw too much and broke down the digestion already weakened by indoor life and airtight stoves.

The pie is not as black as it has been painted, having had to bear the load of many circumstances not its own fault. The viand which has usurped its place at dinner is not as blameless as it is commonly held to be. For children eating no meat pudding may well be fatter, but for grownups a helping of pudding gives as much unnecessary food value as did pie. It must be remembered in discussing pastry also that it was in good hands not the heavy, greasy kind so often found to lay. The early cooks attained great skill in preparing light, flaky "crusts." The passing of the pie is not to be regretted in view of the greater abundance of fresh food, especially as the making of the pie requires not only skill, but time, and the baking of the pie in modern stoves is a matter of large experience.—Good Housekeeping.

Perishable Goods.

In a Vermont village there lives a young man who has reached the age of twenty-four with no apparent thought of taking to himself a wife, although all his companions have either "settled" or left the place. He is regarded by the entire community as a confirmed bachelor. His mother looks upon his state with a sadness which has afforded more or less amusement to her summer boarders.

"There's one of his last pictures," said the mother, displaying a photograph on a small card. "It's a good likeness, ain't it? Getting kind of lapsed round the mouth, same as his pa, he is. I said to him that I'd been wanting he should have a dozen taken, so I could give 'em round to his friends—young ladies—for sometimes a picture standing on a bureau, facing right to row every morning, will start a kind of affectionate feeling. I've been waiting in the hopes he'd think of it himself, but when I saw that he was beginning to fade and show his age I took matters right into my own hands and narched him to the photographer quick as I could. I only hope some good may come of it."—Youth's Companion.

Breaking the Silence.

A little tot of about five summers old placed recently in one of the United States supreme court seats while the learned justices were handing down their weighty decisions. The court was the embodiment of dignity, so much so that it was almost oppressive. The little girl fidgeted in her place as the justices in monotonous tones expounded fine points of law, and she shook her head, adorned with a big picture hat, in impatience.

There came a pause. One justice ceased to speak, as he had given forth all he had to say on some important litigation. The silence was thick enough to be cut with a knife, as they sometimes say in the books. The messenger by the noiseless folding doors shifted from one foot to the other, the throng of lawyers within the bar waited breathlessly for the next decision to be announced. Still no justice spoke.

It was more than the little girl with a picture hat could endure. "Mamma," said she in a voice audible even up to the judicial bench, "why don't some one laugh?"—New York Tribune.

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BETTER PAY AND SHORTER HOURS.

The report of the Anthracite Commission is by this time in the hands of President Roosevelt. It is understood that it is in general a victory for the case of the miners. An advance of 10 per cent. in wages; payment, wherever possible, by weight or measurement, instead of by the car-load; and a reduction of hours, from ten to nine, in the case of per diem workers, without reduction of pay, will all contribute materially to an improvement of the miners' condition.

The men demanded originally a 20 per cent. increase, but during the strike declared themselves willing to compromise on 10 per cent. This advance will doubtless be conceded, and the other provisions, especially the correction of the abuse whereby the men were made to mine far more than a ton of coal while they received payment for only a ton, will make the increase really much larger.

The Commission sternly condemns the "boycott," declaring the right of a man to work without interference, even though a nonunionist. The charge of many murders as committed by the strikers during the strike is not sustained by the facts, in the judgment of the Commission.

The miners' union is practically if not formally recognized by the sending of the commissioners' report to its president, John Mitchell, just as it is sent to George F. Haer, representing independent operator and the railroads. It is evidently the purpose of the Commission to bring about a relation between operators and miners similar to that which exists between railway corporations and the brotherhoods among railway men.

We may hope that peace and prosperity will prevail in the coal regions; that continuous work at a fair rate of pay will be provided for the men; that the rights of both capital and labor will be maintained, and their mutual interests guarded and advanced; and that such a strike as has afflicted not only the region of strife but, in its far-reaching consequences, ten thousand thousands of innocent people, will be made in the future impossible.

THE TREES AND THE MOTHS.

The trees of Arlington are the very coronal of its natural beauty. But this special charm of our landscape is at the present moment seriously endangered. If the gypsy and brown-tail moths are allowed to emerge from their winter nests the green garment of beauty will be sadly fretted and frayed. The evergreens, if once defoliated, will be forever leafless. Other trees are weakened by each attack of the voracious insects, and will die after the second or third assault of the foragers.

Just now,—which means at once, the pests may be easily destroyed. The application of creosote, an oily, antiseptic tar, will seal up the nests and convert them into tombs from which the ravagers will never emerge.

It is not likely that the State will take care of this matter. Even if the legislature made an appropriation, the money would not be available in time for the immediate need. The State Board of Agriculture advises municipalities to make free distribution of creosote to citizens. We advise its free and immediate application, even if it has to be purchased.

One of the most valued exchanges that comes to our table, The Cambridge Tribune, appeared in double number last week in celebration of its thirty-fifth anniversary. Besides containing its usual amount of news of Cambridge and Harvard affairs, a history of the growth and progress of the paper from its founding with fine photo-engraving of the three former editors and an illustrated sketch of the new plant is given. The Tribune is now owned and edited by Messrs. J. Lee Robinson and Edward F. Gamwell. Mr. Robinson about two years ago was connected with the Enterprise, being its business manager, and has many friends who, with the Enterprise, will wish him success with the Tribune.

During the past few weeks we have been changing the system of handling subscriptions and the mailing list of this paper. We find that lack of system prevailed by the former management which has caused no little trouble in determining exact facts. Our new system has the date on the address label to which the subscriber has paid according to the books, with four weeks added as credit for four issues omitted during November pending reorganization of the business. If we have not given proper credit on the slip, kindly notify us by sending us a copy of your last receipt and we will cheer-

fully rectify the error. We confess to having names on the subscription book that were not on the mail list and vice versa, and if any subscriber has not received the paper regularly, if they will inform us of the number of missing copies we will extend the time, and see that by the new system nothing of this nature will happen.

The Globe reporter must have either forgot or never made the acquaintance of that old treasury shortage ghost, when he made the copy which stated that \$24,000.00 was appropriated to make alterations in the town hall.

It's Lent, and a lot of society people who have been going at a two-forty clip during the winter will slack up for awhile and take a rest.

Look out for your cats and dogs. Dr. Peters, chief of the Cattle Bureau, has ordered these animals killed if found at large.

The Observer

Saturday was a perfect spring day and the number of bicycles and automobiles out, and the marbles and ball playing of the boys show how near this season is. I also noticed a bluebird, which on Monday or Tuesday was probably watching the bargain sales for makintoshes and rubber boots, necessary articles in "the good old s—pring time."

The great financial and social success of the amateur vaudeville show given at the Town hall Thursday and Friday evenings, proves what can be done when all are interested and helpful. Every section of the town was represented, and under the able leadership of the committee of the Together Lend-a-hand Club all helped to make it the grand affair it was.

I looked in on the children's dancing class in Associates hall the other Wednesday afternoon and spent a pleasant quarter hour. The way Miss Homer instructs so large a number of young people, and the good results noticed already will show more plainly as time goes on. A happy company of polite and graceful little people.

The vaudeville show the other evening was another proof of the need of a new town hall in Arlington. Even with two performances the hall was not nearly large enough, and the performers were obliged to dress in all parts of the building, using the ladies' room upstairs, and several of the town offices on the ground floor, besides the "wings" of the stage, which does not deserve the name, being a mere creaking platform.

GLEANED FROM THE TOWN REPORT.

The town report, distributed last week, contains 220 pages, to which is added the report of the assessors, containing 78 pages, a tax list of the personal and real estate of the town.

Last year there were 183 births, the year before 202. Marriages 89, a year ago 107. Deaths 141, against 140 for the previous year.

The whole number of arrests for the year was 155, only 6 of them females.

The report of the town engineer, Robert W. Pond, is clear and forcible and one of the best ever made to the town. He has done well during the past year.

The selectmen recommend that the water commissioner's, treasurer's and selectmen's rooms be repaired at an expense of \$30, thus making a respectable appearance.

The selectmen truthfully say that the work of the street department continues to improve under Supt. S. E. Kimball.

The fire department answered 29 bell, and 21 still or telephone calls.

The inspector of buildings, Lucian C. Tyler, issued eighty-five permits during the year, total number of inspections has been 334.

Our town physician, Dr. Chas. A. Keegan, vaccinated free 537. The need of a hospital for the care of infectious diseases among the town's poor is still a necessity.

For the year the general health of the town has been exceptionally good. The entire number of contagious diseases reported was 123.

It seems to the Board something ought to be done to extinguish the gypsy and brown-tail moth, for the trees along the highways and private lands are badly infected. \$475 was spent in destroying the nests last year.

The trustees of the Robbins library report there is a falling off in number of books taken, 43,914 for this year, against 47,369 last year. But the use of the reading room shows a gain. Exhibitions of photographs have been much enjoyed. There are 17,980 volumes in the library.

The population in 1900 was 8,603, number of polls 4,934; 3875 tax-payers.

In accordance with a vote of the town the books have not been distributed from house to house as heretofore but can be furnished to those desiring at the police station.

TOWN AFFAIRS.

The assessors met and organized on Friday as follows: L. C. Tyler, chairman; O. W. Whittemore, clerk.

At the meeting of the selectmen on last Wednesday evening, the duties of the board were divided as follows:—Chairman Farmer in charge of highways, bridges and almshouses; George L. Doe, State aid, police, and Town hall; W. W. Rawson, street lights, fire department, outside poor, public lands. Horace A. Freeman was elected temporary clerk to the board.

The best room in the house is the one in which the children have the most fun.

A COPY OF THE KORAN.

How a Foreigner Must Go About Purchasing It in Stamboul.

In Stamboul there are several bookstores the proprietors of which are either Persians, Arabians, Abyssinians or Turks. Not in the frequented streets are these stores, but in dark and narrow alleys. The books in them comprise various editions of the Koran, translated into all the languages of the Orient; theological and historical treatises on the Koran in the Turkish, Persian and Arabic tongues, annals which clearly prove that all the sultans of the Ottoman dynasty were prodigies of genius and sanctity; marvelous fairy tales and stories of adventure, which are more or less fantastic and the sole object of which is to prove that no one should be considered honest, intelligent or happy unless he is a Turkish Mussulman, unless he venerates the sultan, unless he lives in Stamboul all his life without ever quitting it even for a day and unless he regards as utterly fabulous all that he hears about Europe.

A Mussulman is forbidden to sell a copy of the Koran, and therefore a foreigner who desires to purchase the sacred book must proceed as follows: Go into the bookstore, having on your face as pious an expression as possible, and say to the proprietor:

"I shall consider myself eternally indebted to you if you will present me with a copy of the Koran."

"As I am a devout believer," the proprietor will answer, "I think it my duty to assist any unbeliever who desires to instruct himself in our law. Moreover, you seem to be a serious man, and I am convinced that it is not vain curiosity which prompts you to obtain a copy of the Koran, but a sincere desire to study our religion. Therefore I am willing to make you a present of this copy, though I value it highly, for I paid a good price for it."

You will then put the book in your pocket, and a minute or two later the proprietor will say, "I shall consider myself eternally your debtor if you will make me a present of —," naming a certain sum. If you think the price too high, you may bargain with him, but you must take care not to make the slightest allusion to the copy of the Koran in your pocket, for in disposing of it the proprietor has clearly broken the law, and it would not be good policy for you to remind him of that fact.

EARLY MILLIONAIRES.

Apicius expended in gluttony \$2,000,000.

Esopis paid for a single dish \$400,000.

Caligula spent for one supper \$400,000.

Hellogabalus spent for one meal \$100,000.

Lucullus usually paid \$100,000 for a repast.

The philosopher Seneca had a fortune of \$12,500,000.

Lentulus, the soothsayer, had a fortune of \$16,500,000.

The sum of \$2,000,000 was paid for the house of Antony.

Cæsar before he entered upon any office owed nearly \$11,000,000.

Tiberius at his death left \$118,125,000, which Caligula spent in less than ten months.

Croesus possessed in landed property a fortune equal to \$8,000,000, besides a large sum of money, slaves and furniture.

Antony owed \$1,500,000 at the ides of March, paid it before the calends of April and squandered \$73,500,000 of the public money.

The Servant Problem Not New.

Students of household management will learn with satisfaction that in 1566 many of the evils now to be complained of were distinctly recognized. Some of the more curious fines which were imposed by a country gentleman upon offending servants were a penny for leaving a door open, missing prayers, leaving beds unmade after 8 (presumably a. m.), and cooks could only have followers at the rate of a penny fine for each one. A curious custom seems to have then existed that entree to the house was denied during the family meals, and as the fine for allowing a breach of this custom was heavy it may be presumed that the sin was esteemed great.

Taking No Chances.

"Now, Freddie, go and kiss your little sweetheart and make it up," said Freddie's mother.

"No, I won't."

"Go and tell her how much you love her and how sorry you are."

"No, I won't. Pa says he got into a breach of promise case by telling a girl that and had to marry the old thing. I won't run any risks, I won't."—London Tit-Bits.

A Modern Ananias.

Mrs. Mateland—Henry, I wonder if you love me as much as you used to love me before we were married. You never say the pretty things to me that you did in those days.

Mr. Mateland—That's because I love you more than I did then, dear. I love you too much now to lie to you, you know.—Boston Transcript.

Was Economically Inclined.

Wantanno—And is your friend strong in the faculty known as "saving common sense?"

Duzno—Remarkably so. When it comes to saving common sense, he is a regular miser. I never knew him to use a particle of it in my life.—Baltimore American.

If you argue with a fool, he will get the best of you. Theories in the hands of a fool are always stronger than facts in the hands of a man of sense.—Achtson Globe.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH.

Tuesday evening the Hawthorne Literary club met with Miss Sardie King, on Westminster avenue. Subject, "The American Negro."

The subject of the meeting Friday evening will be "My Favorite Book of the Bible." An interesting meeting is expected.

Notwithstanding the stormy weather last Sunday, large congregations were in attendance at all services. In the morning the pastor preached on "Good News." In the evening the subject was the "Word of the Cross."

Last Friday evening a most interesting meeting was held at the church, each one bringing their favorite psalm.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Sunday next, third Sunday in Lent. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 4.30 p. m. Holy Communion at 7.30 a. m., being third Sunday in the month.

Bible class for women, under the direction of Mrs. Hardon, on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Lenten Sewing Circle, Thursday at 2 o'clock.

Wednesday evening at 7.45, Lenten service. Preacher, Rev. James Sheerin of Cambridge.

PLEASANT STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Miss J. Marion Lunt lead the Christian Endeavor meeting last Sunday evening. Topic, "What Christ teaches about heart righteousness."

At the recent Washington's Birthday supper and entertainment held at the church, seventy-five dollars was realized.

ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH.

The sewing circle met with Mrs. C. A. Chick on last Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. F. T. Hazelwood, D. D., secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society made an address Sunday morning on "Religious conditions in Cuba and Porto Rico." He spoke of the field as one of unusual interest, and how the natives appreciated our efforts of education.

Rev. Vernon Cooper, with a party of children from the Little Wanderer's Home of Boston, conducted the service at the church last Sunday evening. The children sang a number of songs in a sweet manner, and, Supt. Cooper delivered an address.

The Young Ladies' Mission Circle met with Mrs. Charles T. Bunker last Saturday afternoon.

Ellis G. Wood led the Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening.

There was an all day sewing meeting at the church on Wednesday, to work for the Alaska Orphanage.

THE UNITARIAN CHURCH.

The Bible class meets with Mrs. Samuel Smith on Academy street, Thursday morning.

The Literary meeting of the Alliance has been postponed from Monday March 16, to the 23, when Rev. J. C. Jaynes of West Newton will make an address on the "Greek Drama."

At the recent Fair at the church five hundred dollars was realized.

ARLINGTON

Saturday evening the Twenty-one Associates give another of their delightful dancing parties in Associates hall, and a large attendance is expected.

The flag on the Russell School has been displayed at half-mast this week, in respect to the memory of the late teacher, Miss Pillsbury.

The Loyal Temperance Legion meets now at 4.15 on Monday afternoons in St. John's Parish House, Maple street.

A number of Arlington young people attended the last in the series of subscription dances in the Belmont Town hall, Saturday evening.

Rev. James Sheerin of St. James' church, Cambridge, preaches at St. John's church Wednesday evening at 7.45 in the special Lenten series.

Catherins Kelly, wife of John F. Kelly died at her home on Summer street, Sunday, March 8. The funeral was held from her late residence Tuesday morning at eight o'clock. High mass of requiem at St. Agnes' church at nine o'clock.

Ericsson F. Bushnell of New York, brother of the Rev. S. C. Bushnell, will sing at the Pleasant St. Congregational church, Sunday, March 29, instead of the 22 as stated last week.



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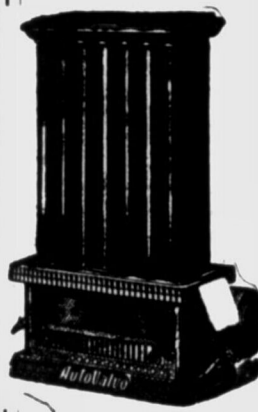
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"Ain't you Tom Sanders that used to live in Greenwich about eight years ago?" inquired the woman, eying him.

"Yes, but why?" "Used to buy your tea and sugar of Wilder Jones?"

"I believe I did."

"I'm the Wilder Jones. Recollect the last lot of groceries you had of me—those you promised to pay for in ten days?"

"Why, Mrs. Jones, didn't I—didn't I?"

"Those groceries, Mr. Sanders, ain't been paid for yet, and this boy lacked about a month of being twelve years old when you got them. Does he go?"

"He goes, madam," said the agent as he gave her a half ticket, with a sickly smile. "The boy is probably large for his age."

An Article Balzac Didn't Write.

Balzac was once asked by a French publisher to write an article on the Rue Richelieu. He named his terms, which today would not seem excessive, but the publisher considered them outrageous, whereupon Balzac replied: "If I am to describe the Rue Richelieu in a way worthy of the street and of myself, I must know it thoroughly and must not upon any account fail to investigate all that specially characterizes it. I shall have to commence by lunching at the Cafe Cardinal; then I must buy a gun and a cravat pin at the two shops next door to each other. After that I must go to the tailor's at the corner of the Rue St. Marc." "Oh, don't go any farther than that," interrupted the publisher in alarm. "You would come to the Indian shop next, and things there are a fabulous price!"

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ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING.

The Town Hall was packed to the doors, at the adjourned town meeting last Monday evening, and the gallery was filled with ladies.

That something interesting was in the docket, could be plainly told by the groups of animated citizens who talked and gesticulated in front of the hall long before the opening of the meeting, in fact it was one of the largest Town meetings ever held in the Town Hall.

E. C. Stone was chosen moderator, and as soon as he had read the call for the meeting, G. W. Sampson obtained the floor and moved that Article 30 be taken up which was done. Article 30 was to see what changes, if any, the Town will make in the town officers to be chosen by ballot, or in the number or terms of office thereof, or in the manner of electing the same; and to this end to pass such vote or votes as may be deemed best, including any vote or votes in relation to the manner or method of electing any officers or boards of officers; and to take any other or further action relative to the tenure thereof.

R. P. Clapp was the next speaker, and he moved, that the matter be referred to the legislature, to have the acts of the Board of Selectmen made legal, and that the vote be taken as a test of the wishes of the Town in regard to the three year term. Mr. Clapp then went over the votes of the Town for the last three years, saying that three years ago, the Town voted to adopt the three year system, and the Town began in March to vote upon that system. In January of 1901 the citizens voted to return to the old system of electing three men for a one year term. A citizen carried the question to the legislature, but was given leave to withdraw. He then carried the matter to the court, but the court disallowed his contention.

In 1902 the warrant was drawn for a three years term, and all that time there was no protest against it. In 1903 the Legislature passed a vote, asking the Attorney General for his opinion on the question, and said he thought the vote of 1901 was legally passed. He asked the voters if it was consistent with the dignity of the Town, to carry the matter to the Supreme court, and urged the voters to decide to go to the Legislature for redress, if any was needed. He urged them to consider also the expense of going to court, as no doubt the selectmen, and those who voted for them, would undoubtedly fight the matter to the end.

The people who advocated a three years term did not admit they were wrong, and these so called curing acts are frequently passed, to legalize acts of men in office. No other group of men claim to be elected, and he trusted they would vote to go to the Legislature instead of to the court.

G. W. Sampson said, the question is one of the most complex and difficult which ever confronted the town.

For two hundred years Lexington had elected her selectmen for one year. Feb. 21, 1891 the Town voted to adopt the Australian ballot. Jan. 29, 1900, thirty days before the annual election, a special meeting was held, at which it was voted to elect one selectman for one year, one for two years, and one for three years. Jan. 28, 1901, at a special meeting called thirty days before the annual Town meeting, as required by law, it was voted to elect one selectman for one year, in 1902, two selectmen for one year and in 1903, three selectmen for one year. In other words the Town went from a three years basis to one.

John F. Hutchinson was elected and Mr. Taylor petitioned the court to have Mr. Hutchinson unseated, but Justice Loring dismissed the petition. At the hearing it had not been brought to Justice Loring's notice, that no change shall be made in the manner of electing town officers, in towns where the official ballot is used, unless passed at a meeting held thirty days previous to the annual meeting.

Sec. 365 was placed on the statute books for something. Two years ago in the press, he had given his opinion that the three year term was illegal, and he was glad to say the Attorney General agreed with him. He said if he did not make himself clear, he was ready to answer any questions, but no questions were asked. Mr. Sampson opposed going to the Legislature, to ask pardon for what they ought not to have done. Mr. Sampson then moved to indefinitely postpone Mr. Clapp's amendment.

E. A. Bailey said he looked at the question in the light of a citizen, who would not attempt to explain the law. The question tonight is will you elect men for a one or three year term. He said there was no record of the 1901 vote as to numbers, but admitted he was wrong when Mr. Sampson objected. He said the vote to remain on a three year basis was 210 to 172 and thought that was a fair expression of the Town's wishes.

He referred to the Attorney General of Lexington, this remark creating considerable disturbance, compelling the moderator to call for order. A vote to return to the old system, would be a vote to vindicate one of the prime movers in that scheme. Under the three year plan there were always two men on the board who were acquainted with the affairs of the town.

Mr. Merriam wanted the vote taken by ballot, and it was so voted. W. H. Putnam hoped the voters would decide against postponement and vote for the three year rule. Mr. Bailey moved the Town Clerk distribute the ballots and it was carried. Mr. Sampson said that was the first sensible remark

that Mr. Bailey had made, and all laughed. Mr. Bailey thanked the Attorney General for his opinion, and all enjoyed another laugh.

John Devine wanted fewer lawyers to take up the time of the meeting as they only succeeded in mystifying and misleading the voters, so that they did not know what they were doing. There was no chance for an ordinary citizen to be heard, and he hoped the lawyers would leave a little to the citizen of good common sense. He wanted to return to the one year system. Dr. Kane made a most eloquent plea for a one year term. He contrasted the system of government which survives in many of the old countries today, with ones which he declared was a government "Of the people, for the people, and by the people." He declared against continuing any man in power too long, saying it was going back to old times, when men in power sought to trench themselves, and hand down this power to others who did likewise, against the will of the people. He thought there were a score of men in Lexington, who could at an hour's notice take up the affairs of the Town and conduct them properly. He was in favor of a one year term, saying that three years was a long time, a man could go through college in that time.

He paid the moderator a high tribute, and spoke of Lexington being one of the most intellectual, and intelligent towns he had ever seen. He asked those who favored a three year term would they care to engage their employees on the same basis. He also warned them that Socialism was gaining ground, because men in office were seeking too much power. He urged the voters to imitate the men of '76 and perpetuate the rights they so nobly tried to attain.

Rev. C. F. Carter spoke in favor of adopting Mr. Clapp's amendment, and go to the Legislature instead of the court, and keep the current of the Town's life moving along harmoniously.

The vote on Mr. Clapp's amendment resulted as follows: whole number of votes cast 423. In favor of postponement 218, against 215, when the vote was declared, and it was found that the one year term had won, the hall became a scene of wildest enthusiasm, the victors gave long and loud cheers, and it was with difficulty that the chairman could be heard when he announced the meeting adjourned for two weeks.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

The theme for last Sunday's sermon was "The Authority of the Voice from Heaven," and the sermon was preached by Rev. G. W. Fuller. Rev. F. A. Macdonald preached in the evening to a large congregation on "The Relation between Faith and Peace."

The Sacred Literature class met Wednesday at the home of E. W. Hutchinson on Muzzey street, and the lesson was "Life Trials." A very interesting discussion followed the introduction of the subject, participated in by members of the class.

UNITARIAN CHURCH.

Rev. C. A. Staples preached last Sunday evening on "Every Man has his own proper Gift from God," saying that the gifts were varied but all of the same spirit. In the evening the Young People's Guild was addressed by Miss Alice Ballard, who read a paper on "The Average Man."

Wednesday the Lent-A-Hand met in the church at 3 p. m., and after the business session, they were addressed by a lady from Colorado.

HANCOCK CHURCH.

Next Sunday morning E. G. Preston of Woburn, secretary of the Congregational church, will speak briefly of the "Congregational Union of Boston and Vicinity," at which time a special offering will be taken for that object. The pastor, Rev. C. F. Carter will preach the sermon.

Last Sunday the pastor preached on "The Fire Upon the Altar," a plea for enthusiasm for religion. The evening sermon was upon "Lessons from the Life of Joseph."

Next Sunday evening at seven o'clock, the pastor will preach on "Joshua, the Man of Courage." There will be a piano prelude by Miss Lillian Hamilton, in addition to special music. Arrangements are being made for special Thursday evening services throughout the rest of Lent, up to Easter. The sermon for March 12 will be, "Christ's Service and Ours."

FUNERAL OF SAMUEL DUDLEY.

The funeral of Samuel Dudley, one of Lexington's oldest citizens, and one who had been a resident of this town for almost forty years, was held last Friday morning from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Brigham on Hancock street.

Mr. Dudley was ninety-four years of age, and was a man of very strong constitution until about two years ago, when the result of over fourscore and ten began to tell upon him and he succumbed to old age.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. A. Staples of the First Parish, after which the remains were taken to Forest Hills cemetery for interment.

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LEXINGTON.

The Verdi Orchestral club, will give their entertainment in the Town hall, Lexington, on the evening of March 16.

F. E. Sage of the Reed Farm, is quite sick with a severe attack of the grippe, and is also suffering from jaundice.

The Monroe station, which was recently burned, has been repaired, and the railroad company has caused a generous supply of wood for fuel to be placed nearby.

At the last meeting of the School Board the following organization was effected. Chairman, Rev. L. D. Cochrane; Sec., Dr. F. S. Piper; Treas. F. J. Garrison.

Mrs. F. E. Gleason of Hancock Jc., suffered very much this week from an abscess in her ear, but we are pleased to say that she is now much improved.

The stone crusher at the corner of Waltham street and the state road, was repaired this week, and is in readiness for the work of the coming year.

Arthur D. Stone of Muzzey street, who has been quite ill with scarlet fever, is rapidly improving, and indications point to his appearing on the street in a short time.

There will be a special meeting of Lexington Council K. of C., on Sunday afternoon, March 15, at two o'clock, to arrange for the installation of all the recently elected officers.

The Trustees of the Cary Library have organized with the choice of Rev. C. A. Staples as president, and treasurer, Dr. Fred S. Piper.

Agustus E. Scott of Waltham street, accompanied by Mrs. Scott, left last week, for a visit to New Orleans, and other points in the South.

Mrs. Durkee, the genial housekeeper at the home of Kendall Bros., on Bedford road, has been very much used up, by a severe attack of that very prevalent disease called grippe.

At the last meeting of the Lexington council K. of C., Dennis F. Hinchey was elected Grand Knight, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W. J. Harrington. During the evening the members sat down to an excellent collation.

Mrs. Stillman Kendall of Bedford street, was suffering from faintness one day this week, fell down a flight of stairs, and injured herself so badly, that she is compelled to keep the house for some time.

Three of the most beautiful geese that Lexington ever boasted, are the property of Frank Connecins of North Lexington. They were received here from the West, at considerable expense, and as they are of a very rare breed, they will be kept for breeding purposes.

There will be a concert of Irish songs, given in the Lexington Town hall on Tuesday evening, March 17, by well known local talent, when the melodies of Moore, and other Irish writers will enliven the evening, which commemorates the birth of Ireland's patron saint.

At the last meeting of Lexington Conclave Improved Order of Heptasophs, held in A. O. U. W. hall, the following officers were elected: Past Archon, Allen C. Clarke; Archon, Walter B. Wilkins; Prelate, William H. Whitaker; Inspector, Daniel T. Desmond; Provost, William F. Glenn; Treasurer, Wm. F. Glenn; Warder, James Keefe; Secretary, Albert H. Burnham; Sentinel, Frank Peabody; Trustees, Frank Peabody, Malcom A. Ross, and George M. Willson.

We are very sorry to have to print, that Andrew J. Gallagher of Lincoln street, is very sick, and that his eldest son has gone to a hospital for treatment. Mr. Gallagher appears to have had more than his share of trouble, the past winter, having within a very short time, and also rapidly following one another, buried three very bright children. He has the sincere sympathy of the entire community in his affliction.

In a letter received from Charles H. Burrill, by his parents, it is stated that he expects to be relieved from duty early in May, and will then start for home. Young Burrill is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Burrill of Bedford street, and is serving Uncle Sam in China, his last letter stating that he was then in Hong Kong. Lexington always furnished its quota of fighting men, from the days of the revolution down to the Spanish war, and young Burrill can rest assured of a hearty welcome, when he reaches its patriotic soil.

Miss Ellen Stone, who, it will be remembered, was captured by Bulgarian brigands, while serving as a missionary in that country, and for whose release a large sum was paid to her captors, will speak before the members of the Hancock church, next Thursday evening, and will relate her experience, not only while in the hands of her captors, but will also tell of the dangers and trials that surround a missionary in the lands of both Turkey and Bulgaria. As Miss Stone, by reason of a life spent in missionary work, is well qualified to talk on the subject, there is no question but what a large audience will be on hand to greet her.

Letters advertised at the Post Office are: Gentlemen: Foster S. Barstow, Mr. Bonelli, M. E. Fritz, Esq., Julius A. Glidden, Mr. Gregg, A. Griffing, Peter Ogden, C. P. Richardson, Esq., Mr. and Mrs. John Robbins. Ladies: Miss Maria J. Bacon, Mrs. S. M. Hardy and Mrs. Lydia Walford.

EAST LEXINGTON.

East Lexington was again honored by one of her citizens, Rev. L. D. Cochrane, being elected chairman of the School Board.

Mrs. Armstrong and Miss Leonore Fairchild are again at home, after a winter spent in the creole city of the South, New Orleans.

George Foster gave a very interesting talk on the subject "The Ministry of the Strong," before the Young People's Guild of the Follen church, last Sunday evening.

Charles Johnson, formerly employed at Lawrence's hardware store, has left East Lexington and gone to Philadelphia, where he will engage in business.

Signs of the brown-tail and gypsy moth have appeared in this end of the town, and our Tree Warden, is requested to respond to the honor conferred upon him, and get after the pests.

Miss Cammille of Massachusetts avenue has returned home, after a most pleasant winter spent in the South, most of which was passed in New Orleans, where she was a witness of the "Mardi Gras Festival."

In comparison to her size, Lexington cast the largest woman's vote in the State, and that probably means in the United States. Other towns nearly although larger in size, did not in some cases cast much more than half as big a woman's vote.

Tuesday afternoon, the Friday Club will entertain the literary Union at the Old Belfry, when Mrs. L. D. Cochrane the president, will read a paper on "Nomans Sphere." Music in the form of a piano solo, and vocal music, followed by a dainty lunch, made up the rest of the afternoon's entertainment.

Last Sunday the Follen Guild was addressed by George Foster, on "The Ministry of the Strong." Mr. Foster took Mr. Charles P. Johnson's place at short notice, and gave a very acceptable talk. "The Power of the Will," will be the subject of a talk next Sunday evening, by Miss Sarah A. Whitlock.

Next Friday afternoon, the Friday Club will meet at the home of Mrs. M. A. Pero, on Massachusetts avenue and Mrs. Pero will read a paper on a "Trip to Washington." Mr. and Mrs. Pero made the trip to the National Capitol last Fall, and the paper will be full of interesting incidents of the trip. A paper is also expected from Miss Brigham, and a piano solo will be rendered by Mrs. Mattie Spaulding. The hostess will entertain her guests at lunch, after which the evening will be spent in general conversation.

BARN PARTY.

Village hall was crowded last Thursday evening, when the members of the Bethel Associates entertained their friends at a barn party and country "banquet." Arlington, East Lexington and Cambridge members of Bethel Lodge composed the Associates, and Doane's orchestra furnished the music for dancing and an excellent concert.

The appearance of the hall was enough to make one forget the blues or even the high price and scarcity of coal, for everything inside was warm and bright, and the faces of the farmers and their wives and sweethearts glowed with the fire of enthusiasm and merriment.

The decorations of the hall alone were worth the price of admission to look upon, and "Mrs. Jack's" Venetian palace would be relegated to the tall and lofty pines, when compared to the unique features of the barn party. Strewed about the hall, were coops of cackling hens, ducks, rabbits and other habitués of the farm yard. Green piles of straw covered the floor of the stage, with corn and hay stacked about.

Farming utensils of all kinds, plows, harnesses, ox yokes and an old style sulky made one think that the time was just before "firing of the shot heard round the world," for all about were squash, cabbages and other kinds of garden sauce.

One did not have to draw upon the imagination very much, to picture just outside, farmers with stout frames and ruddy cheeks, helping mother and sister Jane and Tilly out of comfortable sleighs, as they told one another the latest news of the country.

The order of dances was tacked upon the wall and was made up in genuine country fashion.

Dress suits were left at home, and good old "homespun" coats and vests of the vintage of '76, high standing collars and stocks, farmer's frocks, and even jumpers and overalls clothed the men people.

As was to be expected, the women folks paid more attention to making up, and while the dresses were quaint and in keeping with the occasion, still, many of them were attractive, especially as was the case in many instances, when set off by a fine figure. Supper, a genuine old-fashioned country supper was served during intermission, consisting of sweet cider, doughnuts and cheese, and so imbued with the spirit of the evening did Lexington's fair sons and daughters become, that they did ample justice to the homely fair.

To carry out the program in all its details, was a large undertaking, and entailed upon the committee a great amount of hard work, but they were fully compensated by the knowledge that everyone reached the limit of enjoyment.

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Pursuant to the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Caleb M. Smith, of Cambridge, to Mattie M. Gibbs of Watertown, dated July 5, 1901, recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, book 2948, page 596, for breach of condition of said mortgage deed and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at public auction on the premises herein after described, on Monday the 6th day of April, 1903, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed and therein described as follows, viz: The following parcel of land situated in that part of Lexington and Arlington, in the County of Middlesex, being lots numbered 27 and 28, of plan of "Dexter Hillside," dated April 14th, 1896, by C. A. Pearson, and recorded with Middlesex Deeds, Book of plans No. 96, plan numbered 2. Lots are bounded and described as follows: Northerly by lot No. 26, 80 feet, westerly by land of owner unknown, 80 feet, southerly by lot No. 29, 80 feet, easterly by Sylvia street, 87 feet, containing 6400 square feet, more or less. Said premises are conveyed subject to the same restrictions contained in deed of Mary S. Canterbury, to me dated June 12th, 1900, recorded in Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Libro 2877, folio 74. Said premises will be sold subject to any tax sales, unpaid taxes or municipal liens or assessments whatsoever. Terms: \$1000 cash to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. Other terms at sale.
HENRY S. McPHERSON,
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BELMONT.
The newly elected board will meet Saturday evening for the purpose of organization.
Mr. R. W. James of Leonard street, will have charge of Jas. W. MacCabe's business during his absence West.
The democratic town committee met at the home of George C. Flett last Thursday evening, and elected that gentleman chairman for the ensuing year.
"Seven Centuries of English Song," was the subject of a lecture by Louis C. Elson, in the art gallery of the Belmont public library last Friday evening. The lecture was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience present.
Henry Austin Clapp will deliver his lecture on "The Merchant of Venice" in the Art Gallery of the Public Library, next Wednesday evening. As Mr. Clapp is an eloquent speaker, there is no doubt but that a large audience will be present.
The School Board met in the High school building last Tuesday evening, and elected George C. Flett chairman, the Rev. George P. Gilman, who had served two years, declining re-election because of increased duties. Mr. Gilman consented to serve as financial secretary, and George P. Armstrong was elected general secretary.

The pupils of the Belmont High school, who are members of the debating society, will give an entertainment in Belmont Town hall, on Friday evening, March 13. The school chorus will render a number of selections, and there will also be speaking for prizes by members of the school. Recitations and declamations will enter into the contest, and the entertainment will conclude with the farce, "My Lord in Livery."

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Rev. George Wilder of South Africa spoke on African missions before the Ladies' missionary society of the Waverley Congregational Church, at their meeting in the church vestry on Tuesday evening. He gave a very fine discourse which was listened to by a large number of the ladies and their friends.
The male members of the Congregational church are up in arms to show their wives and sweethearts that they can cook and serve a most appetizing meal. They will hold a man-made supper in Waverley Town hall on March 18, and the affair is looked forward to as the event of the season. Cook books are in great demand, and the men are said to meet in secret to test their culinary abilities ere they invite the women folks to the spread.

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THE OMNIBUS.
It was introduced by Blaise Pascal, the noted mathematician.
No less a personage than the famous mathematician, Blaise Pascal, is said to have introduced the vehicle which we call the "omnibus." Unlike most other men of learning, Pascal was more or less interested in the affairs of practical life. He was the inventor of the pushcart that now perambulates our streets, says the Scientific American.

In 1661 he had large wagons built for regular traffic in the heart of Paris. He allied himself in this undertaking with several influential friends, among whom was the Duke of Roannes.
In 1662 Louis XIV. granted letters patent to Pascal, in which it was said that these carriages were intended for the comfort of poor people who had to go to courts of justice or who were sick and so poor that they could not afford to pay the two pence exacted by the chairmen and the drivers of coaches.
At first the use of the vehicle was not generally permitted. A royal decree forbade its use by soldiers, pages, lackeys and other liveried servants, as well as artisans and porters.

Pascal, in spite of the fact that he only lived to be thirty-nine, is said to have made no inconsiderable sum out of his invention.
After the vehicle had been in use some sixteen years it was abandoned for various reasons. It was not until 1812 that it was again introduced, this time in Bordeaux, which city was followed in 1821 by Nantes and in 1827 by Paris. The vehicle was improved and rapidly became popular. Now it has been almost displaced by the tramway.
In modern times the vehicle was called an omnibus simply for the reason that it was intended for the carriage of all, without any restrictions as to lackeys, pages or footmen.

BELMONT ELECTION.
As usual election day in Belmont passed off quietly, the only contest of note being between Wm. H. Poole and Patrick T. Shean, for the office of assessor for three years. Mr. Poole won out getting 232 votes to Mr. Shean's 104. The total number of votes cast was 350 and of this number, 8 were women.
The result of the vote was as follows:—
Moderator of Town Meetings for one year, Frank Chandler, 207
Selectmen for one year, Thomas W. Davis, 268
Richard Hittinger, 291
Charles H. Slade, 282
Assessor for three years, William H. Poole, 232
Patrick T. Shean, 104
Assessor for one year, Thomas L. Crealey, 288
Town Clerk, Winthrop L. Chenery, 298
Town Treasurer for one year, Winthrop L. Chenery, 299
Auditor for one year, Harry H. Baldwin, 271
School Committee for three years, Royal T. Brodick, 253
Edith W. Horne, 256
Trustees of Public Library for three years, Philip L. Brown, 267
Margaret Wisley, 240
Constables for one year, John Argy, 290
Frank D. Chant, 286
David Chenery, 262
David S. McCabe, 261
Water Commissioner for three years, Francis H. Kendall, 282
Board of Health for three years, Wesley G. Hall, 275
Commissioner of Sinking Fund for 3 years, Chandler Robbins, 274
Commissioner of Public Burial Ground for three years, George P. Walcott, 269
Tree Warden for one year, Frank D. Chant, 285
Shall License be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town? Yes, 67. No, 214.

His Mistake.
"Once at a party," said a Scotch clergyman, "there was a crusty old Scot seated at a whist table playing passionately, and his partner was a young woman, the daughter of a neighboring laird. You are to imagine this young woman's surprise in the heart of the game when the old fellow threw down his cards and bawled at her:
"What kind of a game are ye playin', ye darned auld!"
"And then, recollecting himself, he bowed and said humbly to the astonished girl:
"Yer pardon's begged, madam. I took ye in the excitement for my ain wife."

Marriage and Crime.
It is said that statistics prove that in every 1,000 bachelors there are thirty-eight criminals, while in every 1,000 married men the criminals number only eighteen. If this is so, it surely proves that the present day members of the sex labeled coy and hard to please have at least an immense capability for keeping men out of mischief, sufficient to outbalance perhaps even the unkind reputation handed down the ages by Mother Eve.—London Tatler.

Why He Should Learn Spanish.
One of the most brilliant series of the Gobelins tapestries represents the surprising adventures of Don Quixote. Louis XV. had a great affection for the doughty chevalier. One day he said to a great gentleman of his court: "Do you know Spanish?"
"No, sire," said the other.
"Ah, it is a great pity."
The seigneur, thinking, at the least, the king was going to offer him the ambassadorship at Madrid, put himself with extraordinary zeal to the mastery of Spanish. In a few weeks he came back to his royal master and, with a conqueror's air, said:
"Your majesty, I have learned Spanish."

NEW SCHOOL NEEDED.
One of the most important articles in the town warrant, was the one relating to a new school for the southeast section of the town. The following motion was unanimously carried:
Voted, that a committee of eleven be appointed by the Chair, to consider the matter of better school accommodations for the

southeast section of the town; this committee to report at the April meeting and that the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) be appropriated for the expense of said committee, the same to be taken from the premium fund.
Later the chairman announced the following committee: George C. Flett, Thomas W. Davis, F. N. Lincoln, Rev. G. P. Gilman, George C. Holt, G. Fred Kendall, J. O. Wellington, I. B. Frost, Ralph P. Russell, George A. Sherman and Edward F. Skahan.

SURPRISE PARTY.
Miss Ella Hatch, of this place, was agreeably surprised at her home at the corner of Clark and Thomas streets, last Tuesday evening, more than two score of her Waverley friends attending.
Music, games, and recitations was the program of the evening. The whole affair was arranged and planned by her mother and sister. A new departure was also introduced, when a number of young people added zest to the occasion by giving a gymnastic exhibition. It was late when the merry party broke up, and each one voted it the pleasantest party of the season, and wished for many returns of the day.

WATCH FOR IT!
WAIT FOR IT!
IT IS COMING!
With the above scare heads the announcement is made by the men of the first congregational parish of Waverley, that they will serve a man-made supper and furnish an entertainment in Waverley hall, on Wednesday evening, March 18. It is to be entirely an affair of the male sex and they promise a supper to rival Delmonico's and an entertainment the peer of any—in fact as they express it; "The best ever." They intimate that surprises are coming.

THE OMNIBUS.
It was introduced by Blaise Pascal, the noted mathematician.
No less a personage than the famous mathematician, Blaise Pascal, is said to have introduced the vehicle which we call the "omnibus." Unlike most other men of learning, Pascal was more or less interested in the affairs of practical life. He was the inventor of the pushcart that now perambulates our streets, says the Scientific American.

In 1661 he had large wagons built for regular traffic in the heart of Paris. He allied himself in this undertaking with several influential friends, among whom was the Duke of Roannes.
In 1662 Louis XIV. granted letters patent to Pascal, in which it was said that these carriages were intended for the comfort of poor people who had to go to courts of justice or who were sick and so poor that they could not afford to pay the two pence exacted by the chairmen and the drivers of coaches.
At first the use of the vehicle was not generally permitted. A royal decree forbade its use by soldiers, pages, lackeys and other liveried servants, as well as artisans and porters.

Pascal, in spite of the fact that he only lived to be thirty-nine, is said to have made no inconsiderable sum out of his invention.
After the vehicle had been in use some sixteen years it was abandoned for various reasons. It was not until 1812 that it was again introduced, this time in Bordeaux, which city was followed in 1821 by Nantes and in 1827 by Paris. The vehicle was improved and rapidly became popular. Now it has been almost displaced by the tramway.
In modern times the vehicle was called an omnibus simply for the reason that it was intended for the carriage of all, without any restrictions as to lackeys, pages or footmen.

Where Barley is Cultivated.
Barley extends over a wider climatic range than any of the other grains and is successfully cultivated over a greater breadth of the globe than any other cereal. It flourishes under the heat and drought of the borders of the torrid zone and grows sturdily and maturely on the northern verge of the temperate zone, ripening and thriving under various adverse circumstances which wheat is wholly unable to resist. Barley is found in the Faroe islands, near Cape North, the extreme point of Norway; near Archangel, on the White sea, and in central Siberia between 58 and 59 degrees north latitude. In genial climates, such as those of Egypt, Barbary and the south of Spain, two crops of barley may be reaped in the same year, one in spring from seed sowed the previous autumn and one in autumn from a spring sowing.

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This form of electricity is among the lost arts and must come to the front with other grand discoveries within the next few years. But not the great and learned shall have the benefit of this forthcoming discovery in electricity. The one who shall have this golden key to a grand electric mystery shall have the fruits of his labors.

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MOIRA HOUSE.
The Elegance of Which Wesley Wrote Has Long Departed.
John Wesley was the guest of Lady Moira at Moira House, Usher's Island, Dublin, in 1775. Writing of the house, the great Methodist said: "I was surprised to observe, though not a more grand, yet a far more elegant room than any I have ever seen in England. It was an octagon about 20 feet square and 15 or 16 feet high, having one window—the sides of it being throughout with mother of pearl—reaching from the top of the room. The ceiling, sides, furniture of the room were equally elegant. And must this, too, pass away like a dream?"
Half a century ago the elegance of which Wesley wrote departed from Moira House. The Mendicity institution dismantled it, took down the interior decorations and covered the gardens with offices. It is today as dismal looking a place as is to be seen in or around the Irish capital, which has many reminders that it was once a capital in deed as well as in name. Among other notable visitors to Moira House in the days of its glories was Charles James Fox, who there met Henry Grattan. It was in Moira House, too, that Pamela found a refuge while her husband, Lord Edward Fitzgerald, was dying in Dublin Newgate not far away across the river Liffey.

A Feat of Memory.
Some light is thrown on the possibilities of memory culture by an interesting recital contained in the autobiography of Robert Houdin, the famous conjurer. He taught his son to glance at, say, a shop window and to memorize accurately, as in a brain picture, the window's contents. Then he would ask him to describe the contents, checking and correcting him as he went on. On one occasion Houdin was commanded to the Tuilleries to give a performance before the French court. As he passed through an anteroom to the saloon he bade his son note the arrangement of the rooms and the contents of the bookcases. Then at the close of the entertainment Houdin astonished his audience by giving what he called a "second sight" test. Declaring his unfamiliarity with the Tuilleries, Houdin, blindfolding his son, asked him to send his gaze through the wall of the room to the chamber beyond, to describe the arrangement of the chamber and to read the titles of the volumes on the shelves of the bookcases. This feat the young lad accomplished, to the astonishment of the court.

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AS IT IS WRITTEN.

A List of the Greatest Ten Men the World Has Known.

Who are the ten greatest men the world has known? Dr. J. McKen Cattell gives Napoleon, Shakespeare, Mohammed, Voltaire, Bacon, Aristotle, Goethe, Julius Caesar, Luther and Plato. "The method I followed," says the author, "to discover the 1,000 men who are pre-eminent was this: I took six biographical dictionaries or encyclopedias—two English, two French, one German and one American—and found the 2,000 men in each who were allowed the longest articles. In this way some 6,000 men were found. I then selected the men who appeared in the lists of at least three of the dictionaries and from these selected the thousand who were allowed the greatest average space. Thus was obtained not only the thousand men esteemed the most eminent, but also the order in which they stand. According to this list, the ten most eminent are given above. It is curious that these ten pre-eminent men are so widely separate in race and age—two Greeks, two Frenchmen, two Germans, two Englishmen, one Roman and one Arab and two in the fifth century and one in the first century before Christ, one in the sixth, one in the fifteenth, two in the sixteenth and three in the eighteenth century. The ten names last on the list are Otho, Sertorius, Macpherson, Claudian, Domitian, Bugeaud, Charles I. of Naples, Fauriel, Enjantin and Barbary, names hardly ever heard."—Philadelphia Record.

Shaving Among the Hindoos.

The Hindoo is a contemner of beards, and one-half of his head is devoid of hair, he only leaving a long lock which grows from the back of the head. This is a relic of the belief that has taught Hindoos the angel of death used this cue to drag them to heaven.

Women are great patrons of the barber, for the Brahmanical law is very explicit on this score and provides that widows must keep their heads shaved. This rule is most rigidly enforced, and the unfortunate widow has to make herself as ugly as possible, and gracefully submits to an operation which deprives her of her greatest ornament, for Brahman women have splendid heads of hair and their coiffure sets it off to exceptional advantage. It is put up in a coil. The rich partially cover this huge knot with a thin platter of beaten gold, while the poor twine in it the gorgeous flowers of the marigold.

Frogs That Sing.

In some cases the glottis of the frog presents a considerable analogy to the upper larynx of birds. Cuvier compares their mechanism to a kettledrum, Dr. Abbott to a steam whistle. Various species of the hylodes, or tree frog, found most abundantly in South America, make the best approach to song. Some of their sounds are flute-like, others metallic, others again a clear, loud trilled rattle, sometimes piercingly shrill.

That under certain circumstances the effects are pleasing we can gather from such a keen observer as Darwin. He says, "Near Rio Janeiro I used often to sit in an evening listening to a number of little hylæ which, perched on blades of grass close to the water, sent forth sweet chirping notes in harmony."—London Answers.

Coal Bin Measurements.

A solid cubic foot of anthracite coal weighs ninety-three pounds. When broken for use, it weighs about fifty-four pounds. Bituminous coal, when broken up for use, weighs about fifty pounds. The consequent rule for the approximate measurement of coal in a bin or box is to multiply the length in feet by the height in feet and again by the breadth in feet and this result by fifty-four for anthracite coal or by fifty for bituminous coal. The result will equal the number of pounds, and to find the number of tons divide by 2,000.—Popular Mechanics.

First American Peerage.

It is recorded in a history of the United States that an Indian chief named Mante, after baptism, was made a peer, receiving the rank of baron and assuming the title of Lord of Roanoke, so far back as the year 1587. Somewhat later, in 1609, the title of Lord Delaware was granted by James I. to the new governor of Virginia. Later still, in 1633, Charles I., among his coronation honors, conferred the title of Viscount Canada upon Sir William Alexander.

The Peacock on a Rainy Day.

The peacock, glittering with jewel-like eyes, has a voice by no means suited to its beauty. Its cry is harsh and disagreeable. When the rain falls, it sits on some high perch uttering its doleful sounds, with its beautiful tail feathers drawn into the smallest possible space. Like a vain creature as it is, it never spreads its fan unless the sun shines.

About Nothing.

Mamma—What in the world are you two quarreling about?
Little Dick—Nothing.
"Nothing, eh?"
"Yes'm. Dot left her box of candy here, an' when she came back there was nothing in it."

He Would Not.

"Would you die for me?" she asked sentimentally.
"Now, look here!" he returned, in his matter of fact way. "Are we supposed to be planning a cheap novel or a wedding?"

Poverty Itself No Disgrace.

"At the same time, you do not contend that poverty is a disgrace."
"Well, no; not unless it drinks and borrows money."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A BIASED SON OF ERIN.

His Original Suggestion For Enlarging O'Sullivan Cascade.

In his "Recollections" Aubrey de Vere tells of an Irishman he met in Switzerland with whom patriotism was so truly a mania that every word in praise of the scenery about him seemed a distinct aspersion on the land of his birth. "What can you compare here," he demanded, "with the mountains of Wicklow?"

"Perhaps," said a traveler, "one might name the mountains of the Mont Blanc range."

"Oh," he replied scornfully, "they're out of all reason! I am after walking along the Chamouni valley for three days and I saw only four of those mountains. Sure, in Wicklow I'd have counted as many as eight of them in three hours."

"Have you seen this wonderful waterfall within half a mile of us?"

"I have not seen it, and I am not going to see it. Didn't I see the O'Sullivan cascade at Killarney? Down it comes from such a height that you don't know where it comes from. Down it plunges, thundering and bellowing, sometimes black as ink and sometimes white as milk, dashing itself against the right hand rocks and smashing itself against the left hand ones. What is your Handeck fall compared to that?"

"Some persons would say," was the reply, "that the waterfall here is about ten times as high and six times as broad."

"Ah, then," said he, with an added note of scorn, "then the O'Sullivan cascade is not big enough for you? And tell me this now: Couldn't you take a magnifying glass to it?"

Chinese Engagements.

A Chinese engagement dates its beginning from the exchange of red cards between the parents of the contracting parties. These cards in many districts are immense documents, almost the size of a horse blanket. They are important for the reason that they are used as evidence in case of disagreements in the future. We seldom hear in China of broken engagements. Yet if a quarrel cannot be settled peacefully recourse is had to the law, and the judge usually imposes a fine upon the party who has broken the contract.

The chief incident in a Chinese marriage is the arrival of the bride in her bridal clothes before the house of her chosen one. That is a de facto fulfillment of the contract. The wedding day is determined by the parents of the groom. The imperial calendar names the lucky days, and on such days the so called red celebrations take place, both in the cities and country.

The Leverage in a Screwdriver.

It is sometimes supposed by persons imperfectly informed in mechanics that a long screwdriver gives greater leverage than a short one. This, however, is incorrect. The action of a screwdriver, the pressure on which is direct, is not in any way analogous to that of a lever. The superiority of a long screwdriver rests simply on two facts—first, you can generally get a better grip on a long screwdriver than on a short one and can bring the whole weight of the body and strength of the arms to bear on it, and second, the torsion of the iron in a long screwdriver comes in to supplement the force employed. The only way in which leverage can come in is in connection with the breadth of the point of the screwdriver, and even this counts for nothing beyond the breadth of the head of the screw.

An Irish Squire's Advice.

An upstart Irish squire went to an old squire for advice as to sending a challenge.

"Healy of Loughlinstown," said he, "has threatened to pull me by the nose whenever he meets me. What would you advise me to do?"

"Has he really used that threat?" asked the squire.

"He has."

"Well," said the squire, "I'll tell you what to do—soap your nose well and it will slip through his fingers."

Perhaps the most contemptuous declaration of a challenge was that of an Irish gentleman of the old school.

"Fight with him!" he exclaimed. "I would rather go to my grave without a fight!"—Kansas City Independent.

Masks and Faces.

Masks are of very ancient origin. In a tomb 3,000 years old at Mycenæ, Dr. Schliemann found two bodies with faces covered by masks of gold. One of the masks represented the head of a lion. Among ancient Greeks the lion mask was a sign of distinction. With the Peruvians of old it was a mark of royal lineage. In a grave of considerable antiquity in Peru a silver mask was found on the head of a mummy. The mummy of a prince who lived in the reign of Rameses II., discovered in a small vault at Memphis, in Egypt, had a mask of gold leaf over the face.

Quickly Arranged.

A Chicago mother, on hearing that her sister had received a new little girl, said to Lillian, her little daughter: "Lillian, auntie has a new baby, and now mamma is the baby's aunt. Papa is the baby's uncle, and you are her little cousin."

"Well," said Lillian wondering, "wasn't that arranged quick?"

He Was.

"What's the matter, Bill? You look kind of weather beaten this morning."
"That's exactly what I am. I bet \$5 it would rain yesterday, and it didn't!"—Chicago Tribune.

Relieved.

Spartacus—Has Cumso that same old itching after office?
Spartacus—No. He was a candidate and everybody scratched him.—Baltimore American.

Woman's Column

SELECTIONS FROM DIFFERENT WRITINGS OF RALPH WALDO EMERSON.

ARRANGED FOR THE ENTERPRISE.

Rare, extravagant spirits come to us at intervals, who disclose new facts in nature. I see that men of God have always, from time to time, walked among men and made their commission felt in the heart and soul of the commonest hearer.

Human life is made up of the two elements, power and form, and the proportion must be invariably kept, if we would have it sweet and sound.

We have a great deal more kindness than is ever spoken. Barring all the selfishness that chills like east winds the world, the whole human family is bathed with an element of love like a fine ether. How many persons we meet in houses, whom we scarcely speak to, whom yet we honor, and who honor us! How many we see in the street whom, though silently, we rejoice to be with! Read the language of these wandering eye beams. The heart knoweth.

Let the soul be assured that somewhere in the universe it should rejoin its friend, and it would be content and cheerful alone for a thousand years.

Every natural fact is a symbol of some spiritual fact. Every appearance in nature corresponds to some state of the mind, and that state of the mind can only be described by presenting that natural appearance as its picture. An enraged man is a lion, a cunning man is a fox, a firm man is a rock, a learned man is a torch.

Men suffer all their life long, under the foolish superstition that they can be cheated. But it is as impossible for a man to be cheated by any one but himself, as for a thing to be, and not to be, at the same time.

I count him a great man who inhabits a higher sphere of thought into which other men rise with labor and difficulty; he has but to open his eyes to see things in a true light, and in large relations whilst they must make painful corrections, and keep a vigilant eye on many sources of error.

"THE SLEEPING BEAUTY AND THE BEAST."

In "The Sleeping Beauty and the Beast" the stage is a panorama of moving colors. Hundreds of dancers, phalanx upon phalanx, troop down the broad stairway at the back of Prince Charming's palace, and melt into the brilliant picture that spreads out behind the footlights. It is the Ballet of the Seasons. Out of a woodland scene, soft with the delicate tints of growing verdure, come a host of children typical of spring. Close behind them press increasing numbers in the vivid, deeper colors of the summer.

The scene changes, and the flaming orange and crimson hues of autumn, mixed with sombre brown, are diffused over the stage. Winter follows, covering the picture with flecks of white. Suddenly raven-winged figures of women swoop downward, seemingly out of space and light, delicately and gracefully, in the centre of the stage. They dance with the others and then take flight again and soar away. They are the Flying Ballet, the most ethereal and beautiful that the American stage has ever seen. Soon they reappear, darting hither and thither across the pictures, poisoning motionless in mid-air, or winging slowly above the heads of the dancers. A great cloth of thin silk is spread and carried half way to the proscenium arch by six of the group. Then down upon its surface settles the seventh dancer, joining in the ensemble as the curtain falls.

The illusion of the Flying Ballet is almost perfect, every movement being as light as a feather and full of grace. It is without a doubt the prettiest vision and the most bewildering ballet ever conceived by the inventors of this line of stage work.

CASTLE SQUARE THEATRE.

Next week can hardly fail to be an interesting one to the patrons of the Castle Square theatre, as the management has selected "The New Magdalen" as the attraction. This sterling play is a stage version of Wilkie Collins' novel of the same name, and it created a dramatic sensation in both England and America when originally presented. The characters afford opportunities for emotional work, which were splendidly improved by many of the leading actresses of the day, and the admirers of Miss Lawrence will undoubtedly await her appearance in the part with unusual interest.

The cast arranged for this production of the play is as follows:—Julian Gray, John Craig; Horace Holmcraft, John Sainpolis; Surgeon Ignatius Witzel, James L. Seelye; Max Klauber, Louis Thiel; Sergeant Werner, Wm. C. Mason; Captain Arnault, Lindsay Morrison; Surgeon Surville, Edward Wade; Sentinel, George F. Carroll; James, Wm. E. Hasson; Richard Cox, Paul MacFarland; Mercy Merrick, Lillian Lawrence; Grace Roseberry, Jane Irving; Lady Janet Roy, Leonora Bradley.
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INGENIOUS TORTURES.

Cruelties of Punishment Inflicted on Offenders in Morocco.

In Morocco the torture of offenders, real and suspected, has been and is still much practiced. Much ingenuity is shown in the infliction of pain—such devices as the rubbing of red pepper into the eyeballs, tying up the wrists at a height from the ground, etc.

At the death of the late sultan a pretender proclaimed himself the rightful heir to the throne and had a certain success. When presently overcome by the legitimate authorities, he was seized, thrown down, when chillies were applied to the inside of his mouth till it swelled with pain, and he was desired to shout out his titles and qualities as much as he pleased, being of course unable to utter a word. After that he was thrown into jail to rot there till he died.

A refinement of cruelty is the torture of the "iron glove," as it is called. A lump of quicklime is placed in a man's hand, which is closed up into a fist. Then the fist is tightly bound with leather thongs and plunged into a tub of cold water.

The agony soon becomes extreme. The torture is continued for eight or ten days until in the end mortification ensues and probably death. Again, a form of "lying up" is to chain or fasten a man to a wall, with his arms extended so that he can only escape strangulation by standing on tiptoe.—Kansas City Independent.

A Rat's Teeth.

The rat is remarkably well equipped for the peculiar life he is ordained to lead. He has strong weapons in the shape of four long and very sharp teeth—two in the upper jaw and two in the lower. These teeth are wedge shaped and by a wonderful provision of nature have always a fine, sharp cutting edge. On examining them carefully the inner part is found to be of a soft, ivorylike composition, which can easily be worn away, and the outside is composed of a glasslike enamel which is exceedingly hard.

The upper teeth work into the under so that the centers of the opposed teeth meet perfectly in the act of gnawing; hence the soft part is being continually worn away, while the hard part keeps a hard, chisel-like edge all the time, and at the same time the teeth are constantly growing up from the bottom, so that as they wear away a fresh supply is ready. Should one of these teeth be removed by accident or otherwise, the opposing tooth will continue to grow, and there being nothing to wear it away it will project from the mouth and be turned upon itself, and if it be an under tooth it will often grow so long as to penetrate the skull.

Undertakers.

In England in 1614 undertakers were men of influence who undertook for a consideration to get such persons returned to parliament as would prove submissive to the royal will of King James I. The three chief undertakers of 1614 were Lords Bacon, Somerset and Neville. They undertook to bribe the chief speakers and men of influence in parliament that year over to the side of the king, with but partial success. Then there were undertakers in Ireland in 1608. They were English and Scotch colonists sent to north Ireland and were each allotted 2,000 acres of land. They were men of capital and undertook to pay a mark a year for every six acres and to admit no recusant for tenants. Hence the name as applied to them. But neither the histories nor the dictionaries give any reason for calling the men who bury our dead undertakers.

Almost Lived There.

During a burglary epidemic in the country an inspector of the police force one night made a tour through the burglarized district. Considerably after midnight he saw a young man emerge noiselessly from a substantial home-stead and made after him.

"Did you just come out of that corner house?" the inspector asked, overhauling him.

The young man, while of respectable appearance, was plainly ill at ease and confused.

"I did," he said.

"Do you live there?" demanded the inspector.

"Well, almost," was the embarrassed answer. "But I can't see that it's any of your business as long as her father doesn't object."—London Tit-Bits.

Where Gannets Swarm.

One of the most remarkable sights in the world is Bird island, in South Africa, for the reason that during some months of the year it is literally covered with gannets. Not a foot of ground is to be seen anywhere. Day after day thousands of gannets strut around, and they are so close to each other that the whole island seems actually alive. Those who have seen this sight say that it is one which can never be forgotten.

An Engaging Young Person.

Father—So Filmy Lubring is engaged to young Rattles? Let me see; wasn't she engaged to somebody else a little while ago?

Daughter—Somebody else, father? Why, in our set no engagements are considered complete without her.—Brooklyn Life.

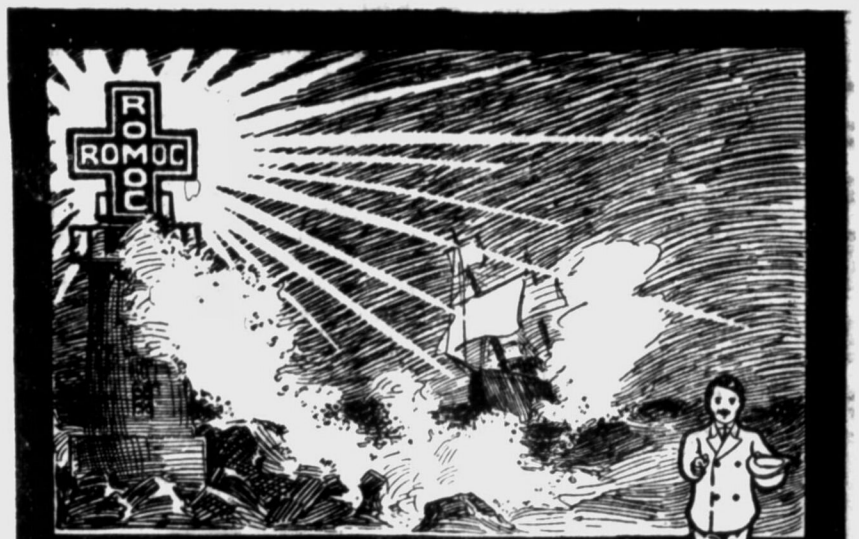
Scrubbing the Landscape.

Hubbub—How bright and clean everything looks out here!

Subbub—Yes; we had a couple of detectives scouring the country last week.—Philadelphia Record.

The jaw of the shark furnishes the best watchmaker's oil. In each shark is found about half a pint.

Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle that fits them all.—Holmes.



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LEXINGTON

LET THE MAJORITY RULE.

The Town has again decided, that its citizens desire a return to the old style of electing its Board of Selectmen. The meeting held last Monday night, was a record breaker so far as attendance goes, and it will not be denied that the battle was a royal one, ably fought on both sides. The sallies of wit exchanged by the leaders in debate, on both sides, were decidedly interesting, even if at times they were tinged with sarcasm. Both parties expressed the wish that the majority be allowed to rule, and both said it was the duty of every good citizen to bow to the will of a majority. That majority has again expressed its will, and that will is that the Town elect its Selectmen, each for a term of one year. As was truly said at the hearing, the question is not one of politics, nor should it be a question of politics, and we are inclined to believe, that the great majority of the people of Lexington, so regard it. The gentlemen who have taken sides on this question, are public spirited men, men of reputation, honest men, and although they differ on a question of a one or a three year term, still they have the interest of Lexington at heart, and all would unite to defend her good name, if that remote possibility were to occur.

The editor of this paper has no personal or political axe to grind in the matter. Its reporters have been received by men on both sides with uniform courtesy, and although we are firm believers in the one year term, had the citizens decided otherwise, our slogan would let the majority rule.

THE MEN WILL BE HOSTS.

The men of the Baptist church some time ago, decided to give a supper, every morsel of which would be prepared and served by men. The proposition was received by the women with derision, who it seems think they can usurp the rights of the men, such as voting and etc., but that man, poor man has no right to enter their domain. The result is that the men are up in arms, and propose to show their wives and daughters, what they can do in the line of cooking. They have already decided on March 18 as the date of their triumph, and having secured the services of Thaddeus Bruce, the well known chef, and premier chowder maker, they propose to open the eyes of their tormentors, and rest assured in more ways than one. To this end, the men held a meeting at the home of chief of Police Franks, Wednesday evening, when all arrangements were perfected. It is said, before the meeting broke up, all hands gathered around the piano and in low tones sang:

Just wait until the eighteenth,
Our efforts we'll let loose.
We will serve a toothsome chowder,
Made by the mighty Bruce.

HEARING AT STATE HOUSE.

Quite a number of Lexington citizens appeared before the attorney general at the State House last Friday, in regard to the election of a selectman for three years.

Homer Albers, who represented the petitioners at the hearing before the Lexington Board of Registrars of voters, appeared again in the same capacity, and made a strong argument in favor of the ground taken by his clients.

He went over the ground very carefully, going back to the first vote taken by the town, at a special meeting held Jan. 28, 1901, thirty days before the regular March meeting, when it was voted to have the town warrant drawn, to permit of the election of a selectman, for a one year term. He claimed that this was strictly in accordance with the law regulating the case, and by it the town was committed to a one year term for selectmen.

John F. Hutchinson was elected at that time for one year, but Mr. Taylor petitioned the court to oust Mr. Hutchinson, but the petition was dismissed.

Mr. Albers declared that the matter was one of pure legality, as to whether the present board of selectmen were entitled to direct the affairs of the town, and claimed that under the statutes, they had no such legal right.

He distinctly wished it understood, that so far as the petitioners were concerned, politics had nothing to do with the case, but simply a desire to have things done according to law.

He quoted from the statutes governing the authority of towns, to change the plan of electing town officers, and said according to law Lexington was committed to the one year term, for selectmen, and as that law had not been repealed, the present board of selectmen, might find that all their acts for the past two years were null and void.

E. H. Bailey, R. P. Clapp, and other citizens appeared as remonstrants, and after considerable discussion, it was decided to let the matter rest, until the sentiment of the town meeting to be held Monday evening could be ascertained. In agreeing to this plan Mr. Albers said he could not see what

difference such action of the town would make, as the question had got by the sentimental stage, and now was a matter of law. However, it was agreed to see what the vote of the town would be, in regard to making the action of the board appear legal.

A. O. U. W.

Independence Lodge of this well-known order, gave a most enjoyable entertainment in Historic hall last Thursday evening for the purpose of increasing the "Special Relief Fund." An attractive program thoroughly enjoyed by all, was presented by Miss Alice Williams, violinist; Miss Emma Alberta Moore, reader; Mrs. A. L. Graves and Miss Emma Macomber, pianists.

LEXINGTON.

Guests at the Leslie this week are S. H. Weeks, Portland, Me., F. C. Poor, Boston.

The Hunt block is almost ready for its new plate glass windows, which when in place, will be the largest in town.

The Leslie is being renovated from top to bottom, and looks fresh and bright in its new dress of paper and paint.

"Love's Labor Lost" was the play which occupied the attention of the Shakespeare club last Friday, at the home of Mrs. Carret on the avenue.

Parker Bros. of Bedford, give a barn party each year to their help, and it is one of the events of the year, no pains being spared to make every body happy. Among those who attended from Lexington were, W. L. Moakley, Cornelius Connors, and Daniel Leary.

The Tabard Inn at Seeley's drug store starts off under very favorable conditions. The membership, already quite large, is gradually growing, and Mr. Seeley expects to have the club of seventy-five names completed before April.

The recount asked for by the friends of George W. Taylor, was held by the Board of Registrars of Voters last Saturday afternoon, and while a few errors were found, they were not enough to change the result. For overseers of the poor, George W. Taylor lost one and H. C. Woodward lost three. For surveyors of highways, Mr. Taylor gained two and Mr. Woodward gained two. The vote of Messrs. Hutchinson and Spaulding remained unchanged.

At the last meeting of the Ladies Missionary circle of the Baptist church, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. George H. Roberts; vice-president, Miss Clara Hatch; secretary, Mrs. G. H. Fessenden; treasurer and collector, Miss Ella Whittier. Supper, quite an elaborate affair, was served in the church parlor, under the direction of Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. G. W. Fuller. After all had enjoyed the good things which loaded down the tables the members and their friends adjourned to the vestry, there to enjoy a "feast of reason and a flow of mind." Mrs. Roberts presided and addresses were made by Rev. Mr. McCombe of Arlington Heights, Mrs. George Peckham of Somerville, who spoke eloquently on "Our Home and Imported Heavens." She outlined the work of the "Home Missionary Society," and the necessity of educating the ignorant natives of our own land, as well as those who seek our shores. Rev. F. A. Macdonald contributed in no small degree to the success of the meeting by his efforts, and the always reliable Arthur Tucker added to the pleasure of all present by a number of vocal solos.

ARLINGTON

In celebration of his election as town treasurer, W. A. Muller entertained about fifty of his friends last Thursday evening. Owing to the rain and attractions in town that night it was not an elaborate affair as was anticipated. However the gentlemen were entertained in an informal manner. Light refreshments were served and the evening passed in an enjoyable way, with readings and graphophone selections.

There is to be a Bazaar in aid of the Florence Crittendon Home, held at the Hotel Vendome, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 24 and 25. Misses Bessie Bartlett, Edith B. Schwamb, Susie Ludwig and Alice Musgrave of Arlington are on the committee. Tish is a most worthy object, the home being in Watertown where homeless women are sheltered and taught to live true Christian lives and it should meet with a hearty response from the public.

The musical program at the Pleasant street Congregational church, Sunday, will be:—Organ Prelude, Andante in D-flat, Volkmars; [Anthem, "Sanctus from St. Cecilia Mass," Gounod; Response, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord," Mendelssohn; Offertory, "Invocazione," Capocci; Trio for alto, tenor and bass, "O cease my wandering Soul," Chadwick; Quartet, "Bow down Thine ear," Parker; Postlude, Mendelssohn.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

The scenic part of "Alphonse and Gaston," which returns to the Grand Opera House next week is rarely equalled, never surpassed for genuine fun by any comic opera or musical production. It comprises three splendid stage pictures—"The Railroad Station," "The Home of the Tiger," and "The Grand Canal in Venice." No expense has been spared to get up these scenes in a manner worthy of Mr. Gus Hill, who prides himself on perfection of production. The music and specialties have been carefully chosen to secure an all around, satisfying presentation of a new theme.

The performance is said to be improved one hundred per cent. since seen here before. There has been a complete new equipment of scenery and costumes since the last visit. There will be matinees as usual, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

THREE SHORT TALES.

Modern Children Who Are In Touch With the Ways of the World.

A writer in the Outlook, after lavishing pity on the little children of the rich, who by modern educational methods, he avers, are made blasé before they reach their teens, continues:

Listen, you who are murmuring "old fogey" under your breath—listen to three short but pregnant tales:

Past the spectator's window one morning loitered two chubby little lads, their arms around each other's neck. The spectator thought to himself what a pretty picture of childish unsophistication they made. When they spoke, however, he caught his breath. "I won \$3 yesterday," remarked the younger of the two, who possibly have been eight. "How? How?" demanded the other, big eyed. "Oh, my father and I bet on a race, and my horse won," was the nonchalant reply.

Before the spectator had fairly recovered from the staggering effect of this speech a group of little girls drew up before the house. One of the littlest of them was in difficulties with her hair, which had been dressed in some occult feminine fashion beyond the spectator's power to describe and had slipped its ribbon. As an older girl struggled to reduce it to order she said remonstratingly: "What makes you try to wear it this way, Gladys? It's much too short." The little tot turned on her a withering glance. "It's the fashion!" she exclaimed, with crushing finality.

To these disclosures of unblinking sophistication may be added the tale of a neighbor whose little boy is just six. He had hoped to keep the child unconscious that he is the heir of millions and had brought him up in the strictest simplicity. And yet the other night, as he climbed on his father's knee for a good night kiss, he electrified the father by demanding, "Papa, how much are you worth?"

HAD NO FAITH IN SIGNS.

He Was an Enemy of Superstition, With an Exception.

Mr. Holley looked at his grandson with a mixture of amusement and reproach on his shrewd old face. It was dusk in the barn, a time for confidences. "I dunno where in all the earth you got such notions, sonny," the old man said. "Not from your ma's folks or your pa's either. There never was any talk of belief in signs and superstitions in either the Holley or the Fawcett stock, that's sure. It must have come from that foreign lady they had to teach you, I expect."

"And you don't believe there's any harm in a bird's flying into the house or breaking a mirror or seeing a black cat, grandpa?" asked the little boy earnestly. "And don't you care whether a pin sticks straight up in the floor or which shoulder you see the moon over or whether you get anything on you wrong side out? Not any of those things?"

"All foolishness," said the old man, with a reassuring pat of the hot little hand. "I'm glad you've talked it out with me, sonny. Now, you just put it out of your head, and I'll tell you what I'll do. When we go up to the house, I'll give you a little, old penny I've been saving for you for a lucky piece. You just carry it in your pocket all the time, change it from one suit of clothes to another, and see what it'll bring you."

"Do they really bring luck, grandpa?" asked the little boy. "Course they do," said Mr. Holley firmly. "When we get another spare time, I'll relate to you a few cases that's come under my own eye of lives saved by 'em, and so forth. Course they do."

Swelling the Unsuccessful Ranks.

A great many men have been left behind because of their listlessness, their easy going ways. They were too slow. Opportunities would not wait for them. They would have taken advantage of them, would have succeeded, if the chance had not hurried by so fast. If the opportunities had tarried awhile, had given them a chance to look them over and consult their friends or if they had only come back, these gentle people would now be on the heights instead of looking wistfully up from the foot of the mountain. But, alas, opportunities never return, and he who is not ready to seize them as they flit onward will have only regrets for his portion.

Siamese Reporting.

Siamese reporters are not quite so deft as our own specimens, says the London Globe, but they have a fine impressionistic touch which charms the jaded fancy. Here is an account of a murder from that happy land:

"Shooting outrage! Oh, fearful agony! Khoo Tong, one of Phya Song's staff, was on a mission to Lampon, and on his return instantly shot dead by some miscreants, scoundrels. Oh, untimely death! Oh, fearful! All friends expressed their morn. The cowardice dog is still at large. Six soldiers and six policemen were at once dispatched."

All or None.

Busy Merchant—Well, sir, what do you want?
Timid Youth—Y-your daughter's hand.
Busy Merchant—Can't give it to you, sir. Either take her entire or leave her. We are not doing an installment business.—Chicago News.

What It Was Like.

Miss Bostonwick—Did you go to the Wagner concert?
Mr. Poker—I did.
Miss B.—What was it like?
Mr. P.—Like Browning set to music.—Town and Country.

A Chicago man has produced the theory that Venus de Milo never wore corsets because she had no arms and couldn't possibly have hooked them together.

FOUNDED ON A ROCK.

The Pueblo of the Acoma Indians in New Mexico.

A traveler from New Mexico was telling the other night of the wonders of that country.

"You have all heard the advice about building on a rock, I suppose," said he. "Well, to see that injunction carried out to the letter you should visit the Acoma Indians. Their pueblo is built on a mesa rising 300 feet from a comparatively level stretch.

"They tell a funny story about how they came to land on the top of such a huge rock. It seems that they were formerly located on another rock, and one day when they were all out working along came a great rainstorm and wiped off the map the only pa leading up to their rock city. We there was nothing for it but to hurr up another rock, and they took a lease of their present location.

"It's a picturesque place when one gets up there. The houses are built of adobe, and one has to get out of doors to get upstairs. You see, they have a ladder up which they climb to get into the second story.

"They have ways of their own of cooking. They grind their flour in a trough with stones. They grind the wheat as a woman washes clothes and spread it to dry on an old shawl. That part of it may look simple, but I tell you it takes some skill to spread a thin batter over a redhot soapstone as they do when baking. When it is done, they take hold of one corner and lift it off as one would a porous plaster.

"But those people are past masters in the art of making pottery. They have been at it for years and turn out some beautifully colored water jars, bowls and such things. Altogether they are a picturesque people, and a visit to them is well worth the climb up to their rocky home if one happens to be in that part of the country."—New York Tribune.

CONSENT EASILY WON.

The Reason a Little Girl Agreed to a Painful Operation.

There is one little girl in Washington who recently gave her parents an exhibition of her nature for which they were totally unprepared. The child was cross eyed, and her affliction was a source of extreme annoyance to herself and family. An oculist was consulted, who advised an operation to remedy the defect, and so it was decided to take the little one to a hospital in Baltimore. The utmost secrecy was observed in the matter. Miss Annie had once made a great fuss about having a tooth pulled, and, of course, it was to be expected that she would enter serious objections to an operation on her eyes, says the Washington Post.

She was taken to Baltimore under the impression that she was going on a pleasure trip with her father and mother. When they arrived at the hospital, the mother took her daughter in her lap and nervously broached the real object of the trip. She set forth in all its triple horror the embarrassment which is the lot of the cross eyed person, stating that the trouble would increase as she grew older.

"Now, Annie," she said finally, "we have brought you over here to have your eyes straightened. It won't hurt you at all. Wouldn't you like to have your eyes like other people's?"

"You just bet I would," exclaimed Annie, to the astonishment of the others. "You can go ahead and do anything you want, and I don't care how much it hurts. I'm just sick and tired of having a pack of colored boys spit into their hats and cross their fingers every time they meet me."

The operation was performed forthwith, and the young lady has as good a pair of eyes as anybody in Washington.

Discretion.

Two burglars broke into the house of a merchant who was generally considered to be very rich. After herculean efforts they managed to open the safe, but who can describe their disappointment when they found that it was empty and all their labor in vain? At that moment the master of the house, awakened by the noise, appeared on the scene. For a moment all three stood there as if turned into stone. The merchant was the first to come to himself.

"Gentlemen," he said, "let us all maintain a discreet silence over this incident. And now permit me to show you the door."—From the German.

He Was Prompt.

"I once knew a newly appointed minister," said a well known congressman in discussing the foreign service the other day, "who took eight months to reach his post on account of numerous social engagements en route, as he explained. He arrived at his legation at 9 o'clock one morning and at 2 in the afternoon cabled for an increase of salary."

Just What She Wanted.

"There are some spectacles," remarked the man who had traveled, "that can never be forgotten."

"Dear me!" exclaimed the absent-minded old lady. "I wish I had a pair of 'em!"—Chicago News.

Here "at Home Day."

The Lady—Did any one call while I was out?
The Maid—No, ma'am.

"That's very strange. I wonder what people think I have an 'at home day' for."—Moonshine.

Formosa is a country where a man must have a license before he is allowed to smoke opium.

There is no vice which mankind carries to such wild extremes as that of avarice.—Swift.

ARELINGTON.

Miss Lillian Lyons of Brooks avenue, who has been ill, is now able to be out.

Mr. Wm. Bassett's handsome estate on Mystic street is offered for sale.

Miss Grace Twisden of Swan street is ill with scarlet fever.

Julius Hackell of Teel street is seriously ill with the grippe.

Officer Whittier cut his hand quite seriously with a razor on Tuesday of last week which incapacitated him for a few days.

The rain and wind of Sunday made quick work of breaking up the ice on Spy pond, and once more we may see the open water.

At the meeting of the school committee held at the High School last Wednesday evening, Mr. Harry Porter was elected chairman and Miss Ida F. Robbins, secretary.

The "Boston Globe" on Monday contained a sketch and very good photo-engraving of our new selectman, Warren W. Rawson.

Matter for the Spring number of the High School Clarion is in the hands of the printers and it is expected the number will appear promptly on the 20th inst.

J. W. Harrington has leased the store recently vacated by Millett the barber, on Massachusetts avenue, and will occupy it as soon as it can be fitted up, for his painting business.

Rev. S. C. Bushnell, will have as his guest on March 22, his brother, Mr. Ericsson F. Bushnell, of New York, who will sing at the Pleasant street Congregational church on that day.

Robinson & Hendricks, the auctioneers, will sell at auction for Joseph Shepard of Brattle lane, on Saturday, the 14, several wagons and carriages and a quantity of farming implements.

There was a shredded wheat demonstration under the auspices of W. C. T. U. held at Miss Nellie Hardy's on Lake street, last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Harriet Todd, secretary of the State Union, was present and made an address.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Rand, formerly of Arlington, now of Bedford, Mass., entertained Mr. Rand's two brothers, R. G. Rand, of Tallahassee, Alabama, and F. L. Rand, of Pittsfield, N. H., at "Oakland Cottage," on the Concord river last week.

The Arlington Heights Young Men's League are to play a basket ball game, in Town hall, Saturday evening, March 13, with the Cambridge Basket Ball club, also the league second will play the Arlington high school. Considerable excitement is expected as both teams are well equipped.

Mrs. Nathaniel Whittier, elected secretary of the Ida F. Butler Rebekah Lodge, and Mrs. Nellie M. Farmer, treasurer, were installed on Monday evening, March 2, in Odd Fellows hall. Both ladies were ill when the other officers were installed so this ceremony was deferred until their recovery.

The closing dancing assembly given under the auspices of the Twenty-one Associates, and management of Messrs. E. S. Farmer, Geo. I. Doe, H. A. Phinney, J. H. Hardy, and Dr. C. A. Dennett, will be given Saturday evening, March 14. It is expected this will be one of the most enjoyable events of the season.

Wm. H. Hurd died at his late home at 1057 Massachusetts avenue, March 2. For the past three years he had been a teamster in the employ of the Theodore Schwamb Co., but had been sick with a complication of diseases for the past few weeks. Rev. James Yeames officiated at the funeral which was held on Thursday afternoon. The interment was at Mt. Pleasant cemetery. Besides a wife he leaves one child, a little son.

Arlington has been constantly kept before the eyes of the readers of the Boston daily papers for some months now, and not always in the pleasantest way. Last Thursday evening's Journal devoted a double column to the recent cases of cruelty in the cutting off of the tails of pet cats in the Pleasant street neighborhood. It mentioned the cases of the cats of Dr. Stickney, A. J. Wellington, W. A. Taft, W. D. Cousins, J. O. Holt and quoted an interview with Veterinary L. L. Pierce.

BOSTON & MAINE TIME TABLE

Winter Arrangement.

IN EFFECT OCTOBER 13 1902.

TO BOSTON.

Lexington—5:40, 5:56, 6:26, 6:56, 7:26, 7:56, 8:21, 8:43, 10:24, a. m.; 12:09, 1:00, 2:09, 3:45, 4:15, 4:39, 5:10, 6:36, 8:09, 9:09, 10:09, p. m. Sunday, 9:14, a. m. 4:25 p. m.

Arlington Heights—5:48, 6:05, 6:35, 7:04, 7:34, 8:04, 8:37, 8:53, 10:32 a. m.; 12:18, 1:10, 2:18, 3:54, 4:23, 4:45, 5:19, 6:47, 8:18, 9:18, 10:18 p. m. Sunday 9:24 a. m. 4:30 p. m.

Brattle—5:50, 6:08, 6:38, 7:08, 8:08, 8:56, 10:56 a. m.; 12:20, 1:12, 2:20, 3:56, 4:48, 5:21, 6:50, 8:20, 9:20, 10:20 p. m. Sunday, 9:27 a. m. 4:33 p. m.

FROM BOSTON.

Arlington—5:53, 6:12, 6:42, 7:09, 7:12, 7:39, 7:43, 7:56, 8:09, 8:16, 8:41, 9:00, 10:37 a. m.; 12:23, 1:15, 2:23, 3:59, 4:27, 4:51, 5:24, 5:53, 6:22, 6:53, 6:56, 7:15, 8:23, 9:23, 10:23, p. m. Sunday, 9:30 a. m.; 4:46 p. m.

Lake Street—5:55, 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:46, 7:56, 8:19, 9:03, 10:39, a. m.; 12:25, 1:17, 2:25, 4:01, 5:27, 5:56, 6:24, 6:59, 7:18, 8:26, 9:26, 10:26, p. m. Sunday, 9:32 a. m.; 4:43 p. m.

Lexington—7:17, 8:17, 9:09, 10:17, 11:17, a. m.; 12:17, 1:47, 2:47, 3:47, 4:17, 4:47, 5:17, 5:47, 6:17, 7:04, 7:50, 9:15, 10:20, 11:30, p. m. Sunday, 12:50, 6:00 p. m.

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